

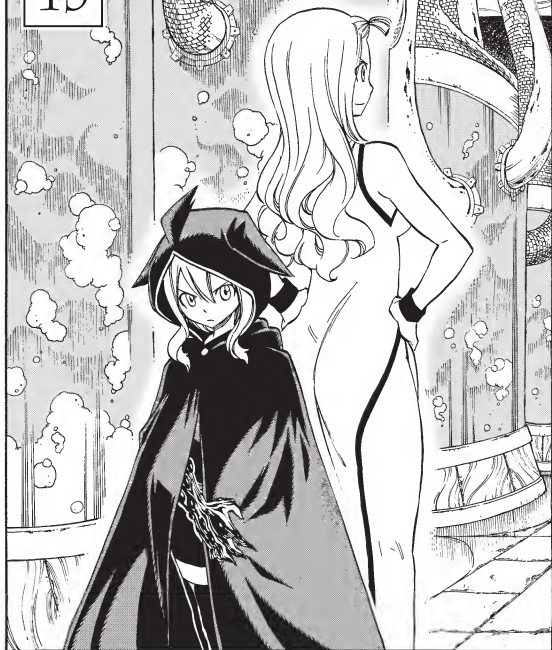
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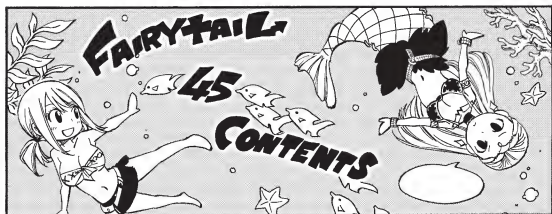


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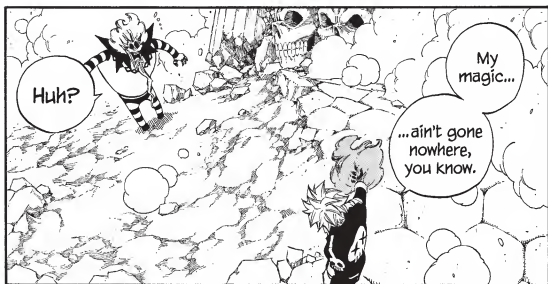
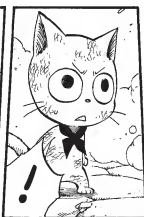
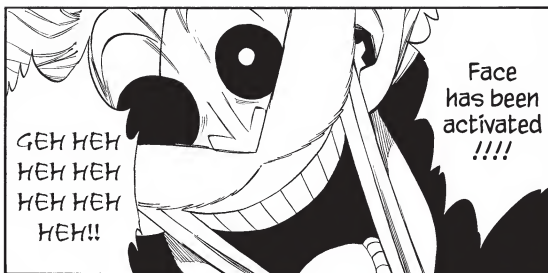
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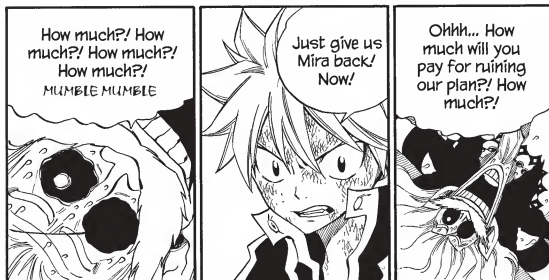
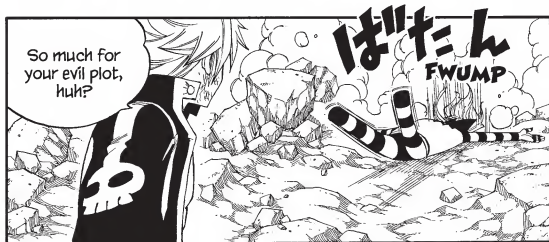
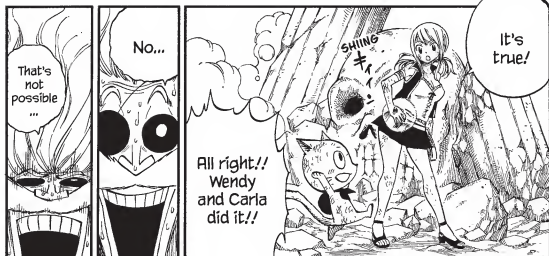
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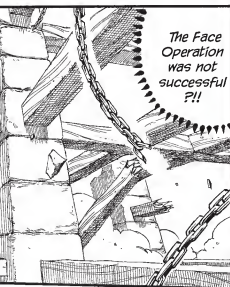








What is this?



The Face
Operation
was not
successful
?!!



Her magic
has not
vanished
?!!



KACHANG



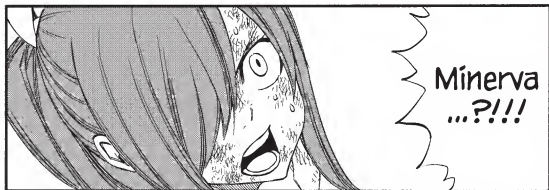
This battle is now
yours to fight!
Every Fairy must
be eliminated!!

I would
have
done that
anyway.



Running
away?!

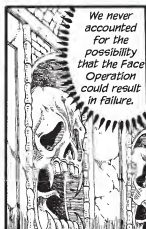
Tsk!



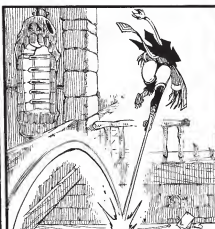


My name
is Neo-
Minerva.

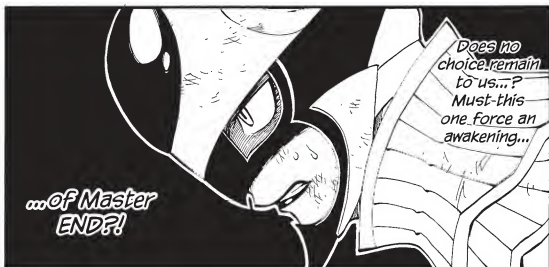
I have been
reborn as a
demon. You
will now have
the privilege of
witnessing my
new power!!



We never
accounted
for the
possibility
that the Face
Operation
could result
in failure.

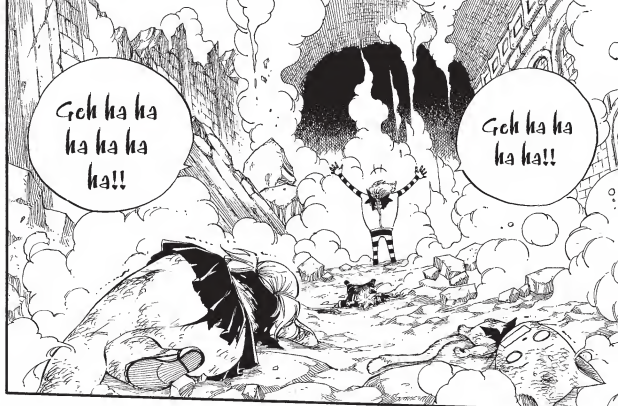


What...
have you
done...?!

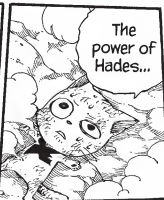


...of Master
END?!

Does no
choice remain
to us...?
Must this
one force an
awakening...



This time,
I really will
suck in all
your souls
!!



The
power of
Hades...



He's got
too much
magic
power...

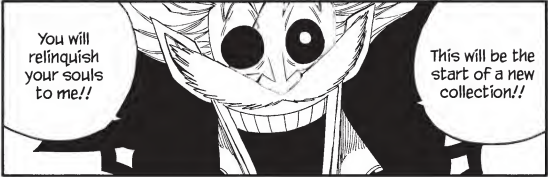


Goh...

Urgh
...



GA
AA
AA
AH
!!

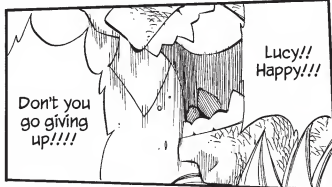




**I ain't
givin' my
soul to
you!!!!**

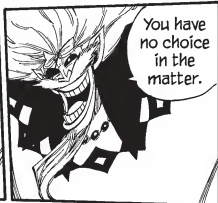
**It's still
right
here!!!!**

GANCH



**Don't you
go giving
up!!!!**

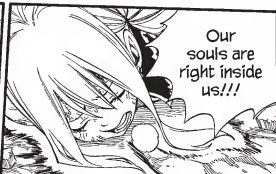
**Lucy!!
Happy!!!**



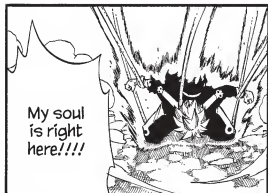
**You have
no choice
in the
matter.**



**Keep hold
of that
thought!!!
Your souls
are still
inside you!!!**



**Our
souls are
right inside
us!!!**



My soul
is right
here!!!!



No "fighting
spirit" theory
can break my
curse power!!



And until I
see Igneel
again...

...give my
soul away!!!!
I am not
handing
over my free
will!!!!

...I will
never...



Focus!!!
Concentrate
on whatever
is most
precious
to you!!!!
Something
you would
never
surrender
!!!!



I've
never seen
anybody so
stubborn...



Use it to
hold on to
your soul
!!!!



It's too late!!!
I'm almost
finished sucking
you dry!!!



Carla
and
fish...

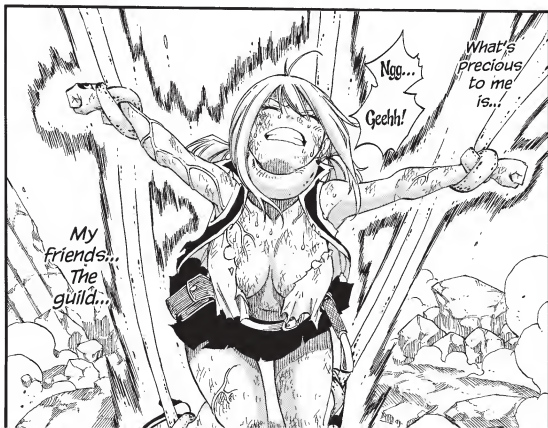
Carla
and
fish...

Carla
and
fish...



For me
it's...

For me
it's...



My
friends...
The
guild...

Ngg...

Geehh!

What's
precious
to me
is...



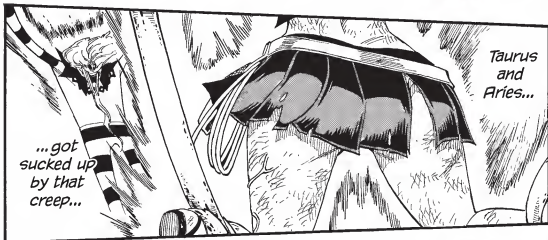
Carla and fish
and Carla and fish
and Carla and fish
and Carla and fish...



I'm
gonnaaaaa
seeee
Igneeeeell...

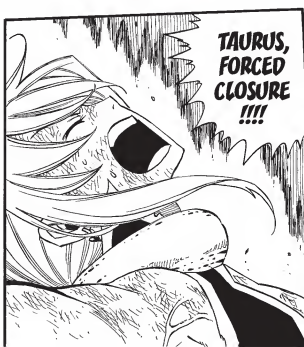


**The
spirits
!!!!**



...got
sucked up
by that
creep...

Taurus
and
Aries...



**TAURUS,
FORCED
CLOSURE
!!!!**

Nobody gets
away with
hurting my
spirits!!!!

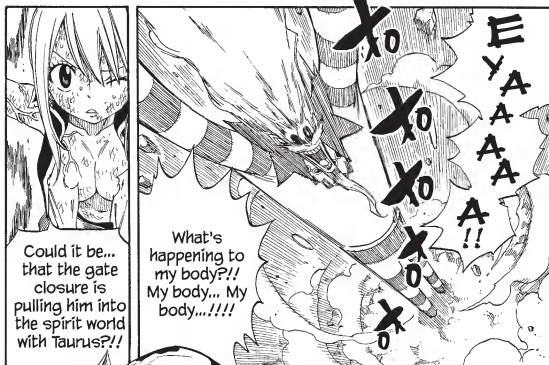
...want to
send my
spirits
home!!!



I at
least...

My
spirits
will...

...be
free
!!!





Aries,
forced
closure
!!!!



He's
out!

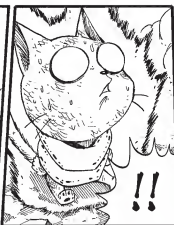


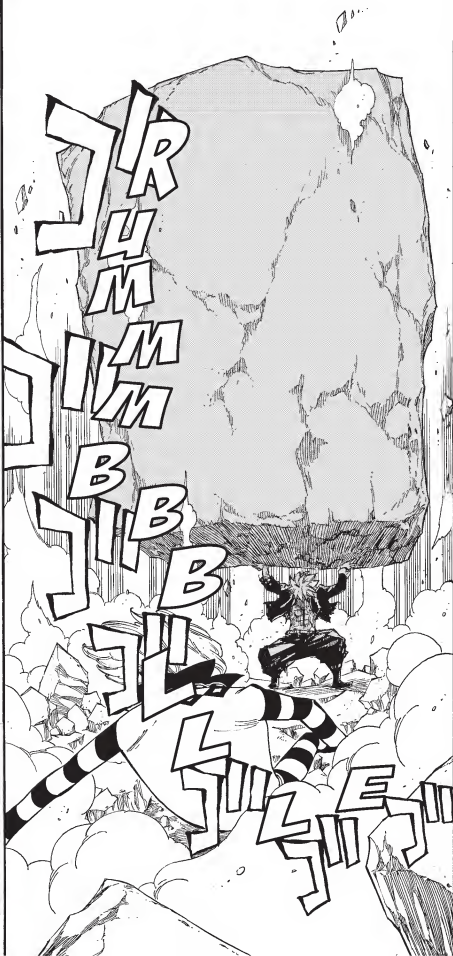
I'm
sorry!!

Aries,
release
!!!!



NATSU,
FORCED
CLOSURE
!!!







GRUTCH

GANCH

KRAKK

GANCH

BOOM

KRAKK

DOKOOM

ZRUNCH

GAKOOM

KRAKOOM

Oh!

Gah!

Uyaaah !!

Gah!

A

!!!!

H

Y

A

A

A

A

A

A

A

A

A

A

A

A

A

A

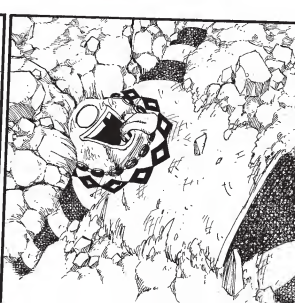
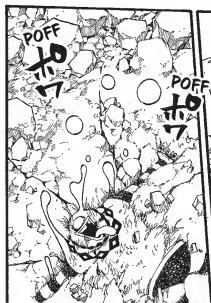
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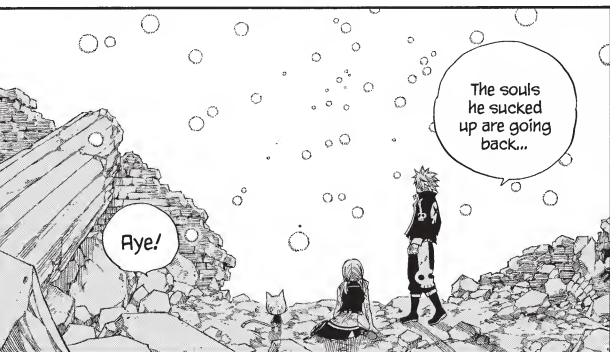
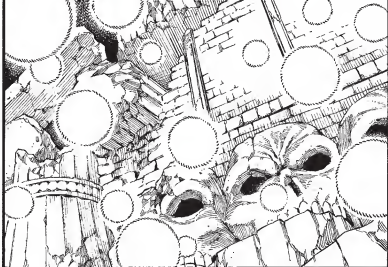
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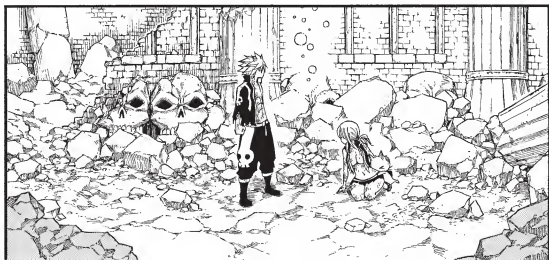
A

A

A!!





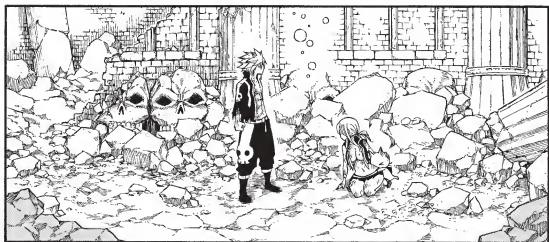


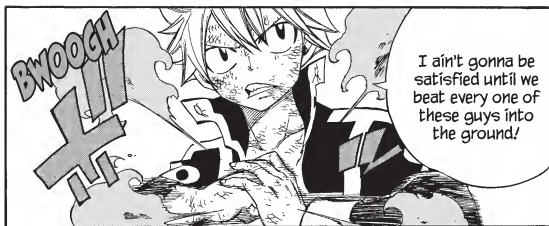
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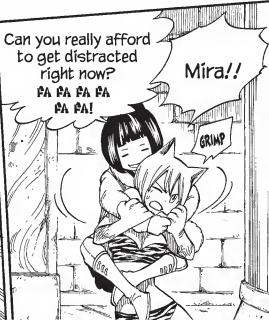
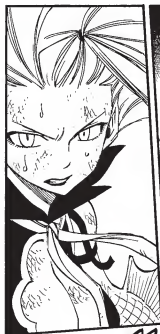
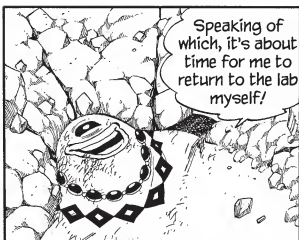
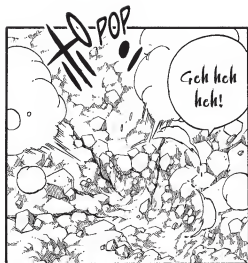
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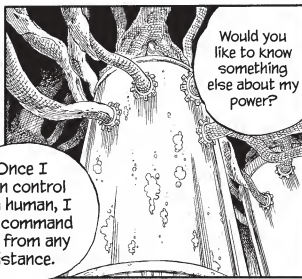


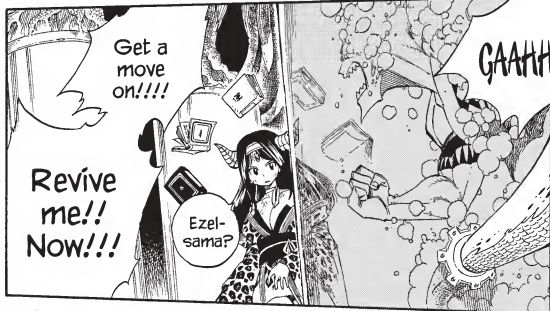
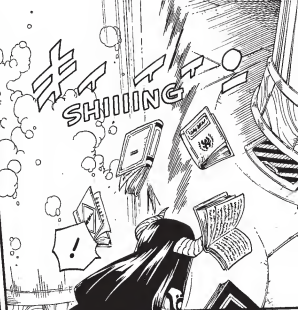
Chapter 380: Hell's Core

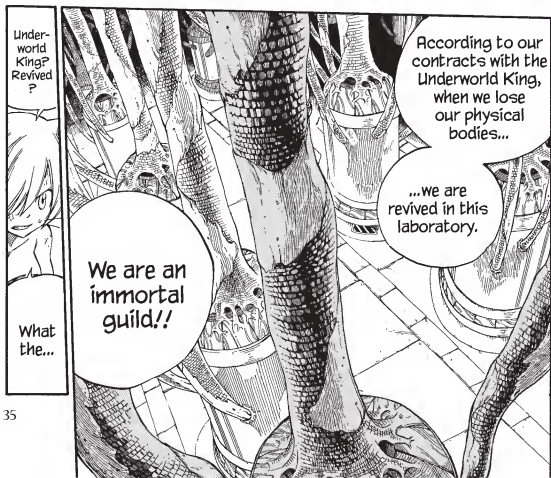














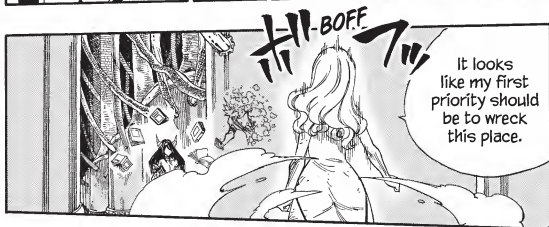
That
could be
trouble.



TEE HEE!
P88T!

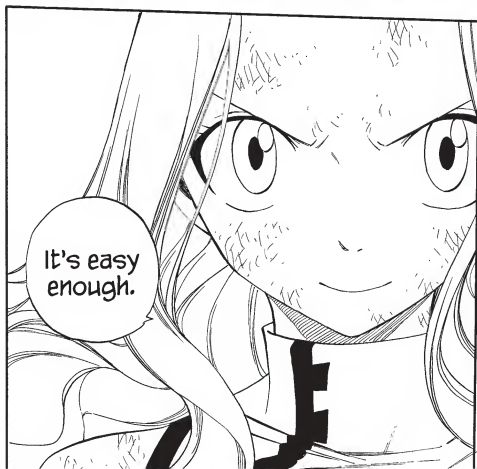


Such things
are better
left unsaid,
Lummy-
sama.



HI-BOFF

It looks
like my first
priority should
be to wreck
this place.



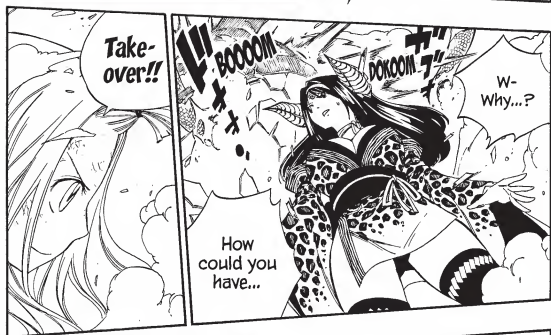
It's easy
enough.

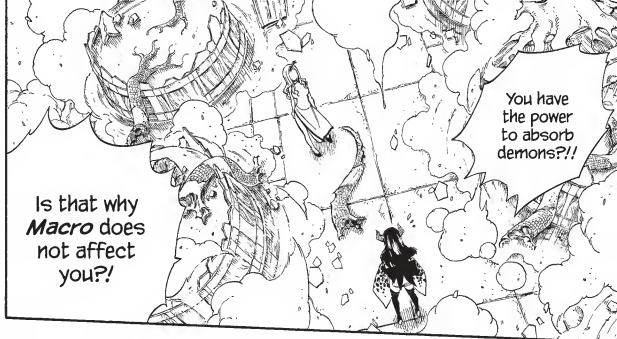


You believe
that is
within your
abilities?



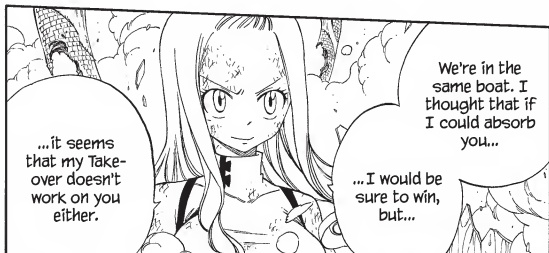






Is that why
Macro does
not affect
you?!

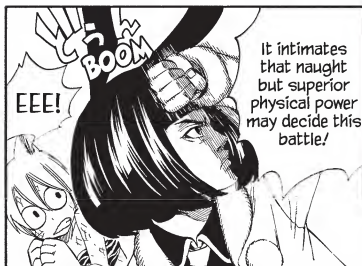
You have
the power
to absorb
demons?!!



...it seems
that my Take-
over doesn't
work on you
either.

We're in the
same boat. I
thought that if
I could absorb
you...

...I would be
sure to win,
but...



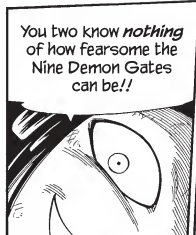
It intimates
that naught
but superior
physical power
may decide this
battle!

EEE!

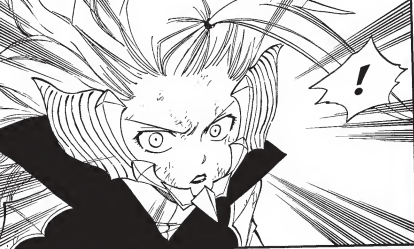


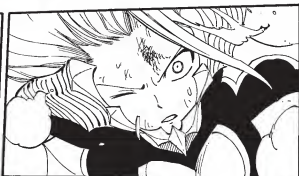
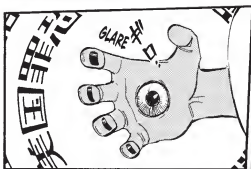
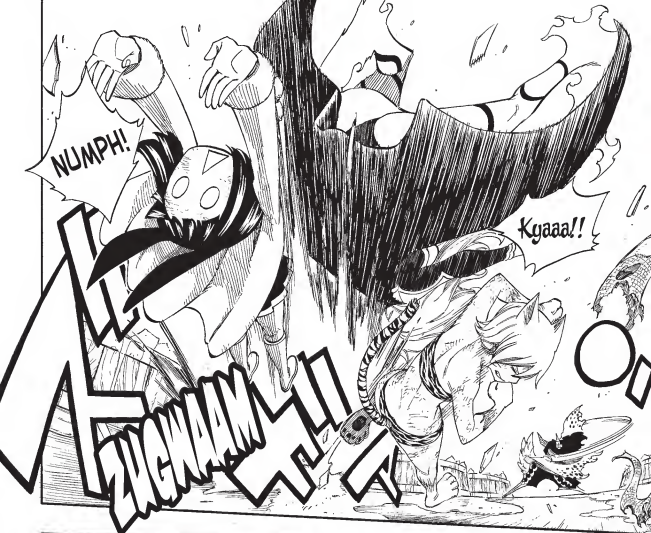
Neither
can use
their best
attacks...

That
means...



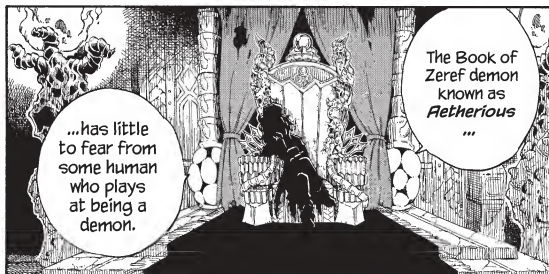
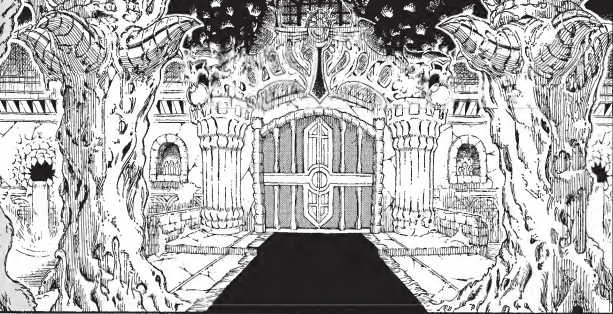






Surrounding Scilah's hand are kanji, but they do not form words. They are simply symbols in a magic pattern. The kanji's meanings are concepts like "murder," "beauty," "rot," "sea," and other primal-seeming terms.





A black and white manga panel showing Mard Geer, a young man with dark hair, sitting on a throne in a dark, gothic setting. He is wearing a white tunic with black flame-like patterns and a sword at his waist. He is holding a small book or tablet. The background features large, screaming faces carved into the stone walls. A speech bubble is above him, and a nameplate is at the bottom left.

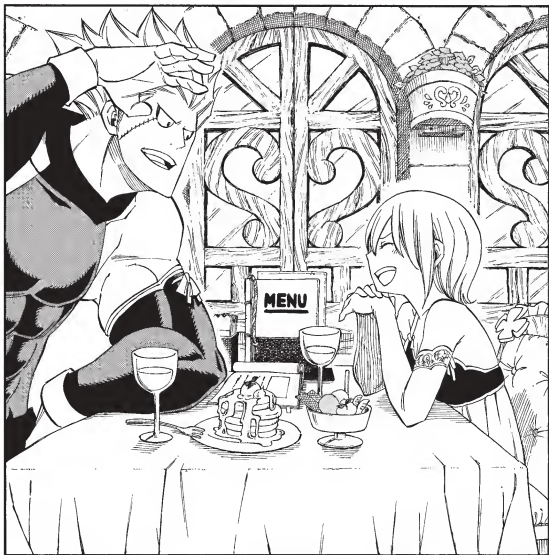
All of this
world's light will
be blanketed in
the darkness of
the underworld!



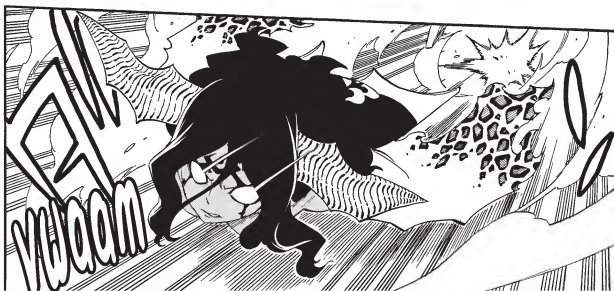
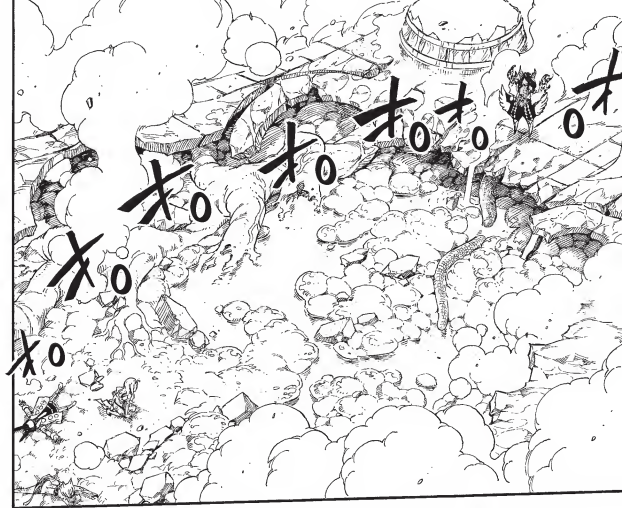
TARTAROS
UNDERWORLD KING
MARD GEER

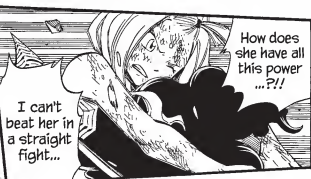
FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル



Chapter 381: The House Where Demons Dwell







I order
myself to
rend this
enemy limb
from limb
!!!



Mira
!!!!



AA

AA
!!

AA

AA

AA

AA



Stop
it!!!



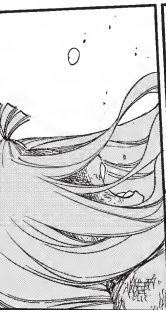
AA

AA!!

AA

AA

AA



By the way,
you got any
cute guys in
your guild?
FA FA FA!



Take a good
look!! I want
you to watch
as your sister
is slashed to
pieces!!

GRUNCH

WHOOOSH

Urgh!!

I just
can't...

Lisanna...

Elfman...



You're
possessed
by demons
!!!

Get
out!

How long
are you going
to haunt our
town?!

Get out
of our
village!



Your whole
family is
cursed!!

Our bad
luck won't
end until
you lot are
gone!!



If I had just
stayed away
from that
church...



It isn't
your fault,
Mira!!

I'm sorry...
It's all my
fault...

Are you
all right,
Mira...?



Off
with you,
demons
!!

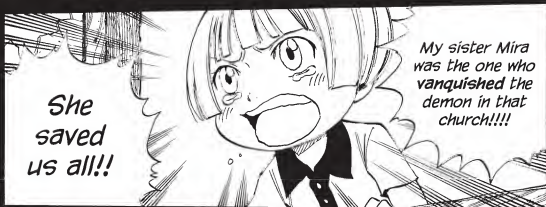
Get out
of our
village!!



Lisanna,
don't!



... this
wouldn't be
happening...



She
saved
us all!!

My sister Mira
was the one who
vanquished the
demon in that
church!!!!



That's
enough,
Lisanna.

Sniff!
Sniff!

Quit
crying,
Elfman!

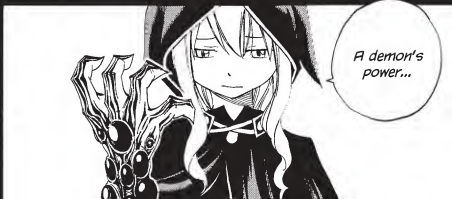


The demon
got into her
when she
defeated
it!!

It isn't
Mira's
fault!!
She's done
nothing
wrong!!!



You people
are just
being
mean!!



Well?
Have you
accustomed
yourself to
life in the
guild?

They say
you have
quite the
skill set.

I've heard
tell of you,
Mirajane.

One
month
later.

FAIRYTAIL

CHATTER
ハハハハハハ

CHATTER
ハハハハハハ

You're wasting
your time... That
girl never talks.
Doesn't smile
either.

She
always
looks
scary.

Hey!

STOMP
フカ

STOMP
フカ

ズキ
ズキ
ズキ

But her
brother and
sister have
taken to the
guild like
nobody's
business.





Goodbye,
Elfman...
Lisanna...

I'm
sorry...



You sure are
gonna be
surprised,
Mira!!

Look!
Look!





Eh?!



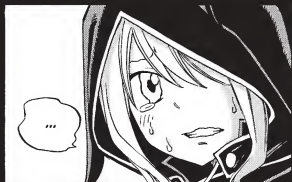
**Beast Soul:
Bear!**

Just my arm.

**Animal Soul:
Cat!!**

MEOW!!

They
taught us
how to
do it!



...



Even if I can only
do it to one arm
so far.

We've got the
same kind of
magic you do,
Mira!



Even our
magic is the
same!

We'll always
be with you!



You
two...



But that's
over now,
right?

You look so
lonely all the
time...



Heh!



WAAH!
Me
neither!!

I can't do
it very good
yet...



WHOA!

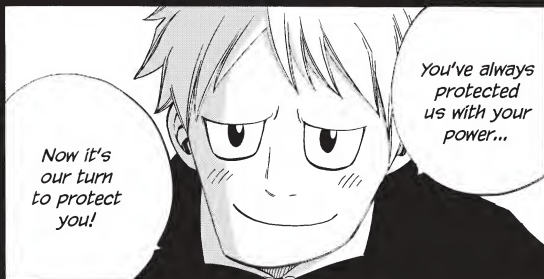
Huh?
What?

FWUMP



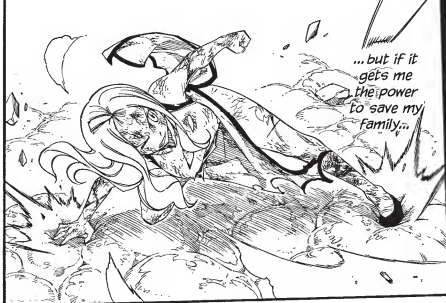
Can you even
make money
at the guild
with magic
like that?

SNIFF



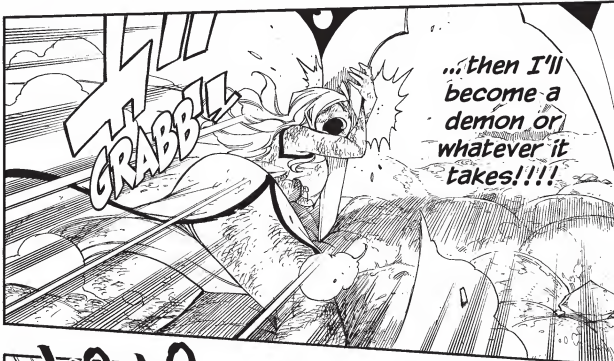
Now it's
our turn
to protect
you!

You've always
protected
us with your
power...



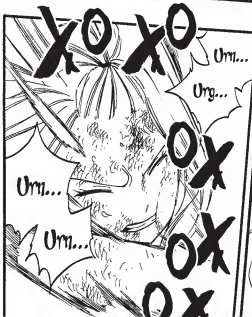
...but if it
gets me
the power
to save my
family...

I thought
that I didn't
want this
magic...



CRABBL

...then I'll
become a
demon or
whatever it
takes!!!!



XO XO

Um...

Urg...

OX

Um...

Um...

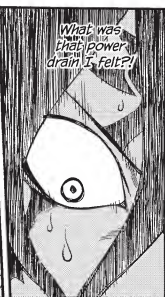
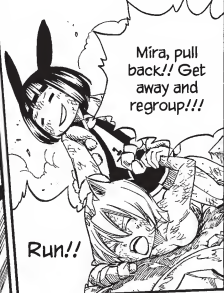
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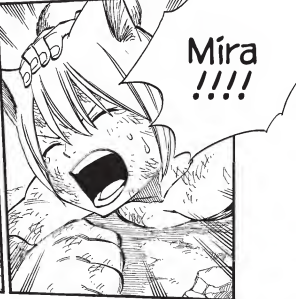
OX



How many
times must I
repeat myself?
Takeover is not
effective on
me.

Umig!!





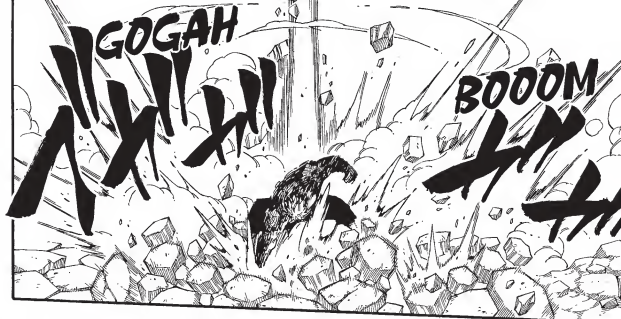




Come
to your
family!!!!

DOGOOM

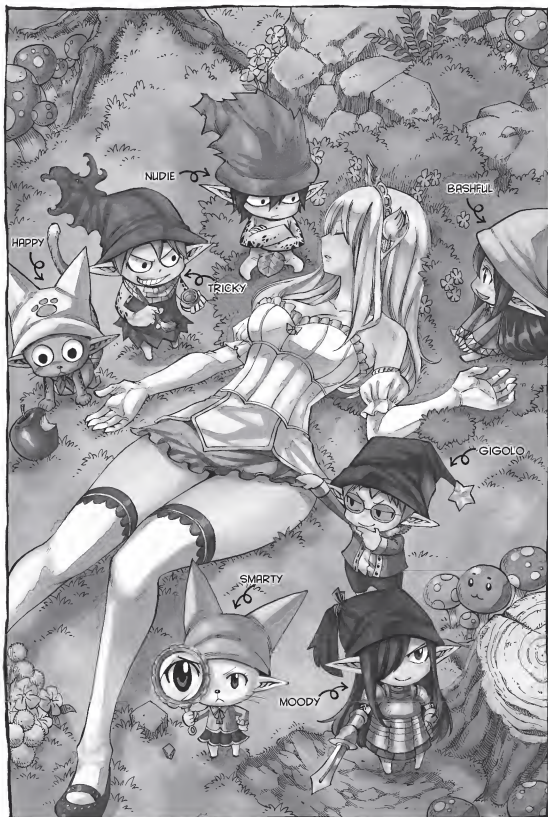
AA!!!





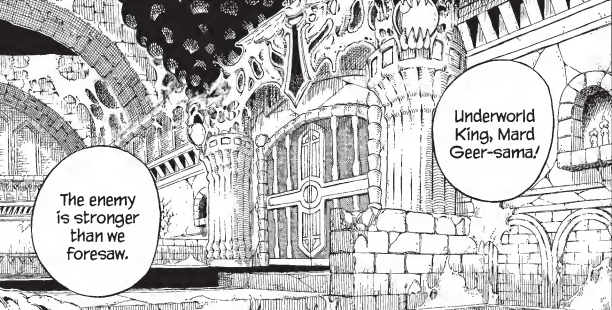
 FAIRYTAIL

FAIRY TAIL



* The real names of the Seven Deaths were Doc, Grumpy, Happy,Smarty, Moody, Bashful, and Dopey.

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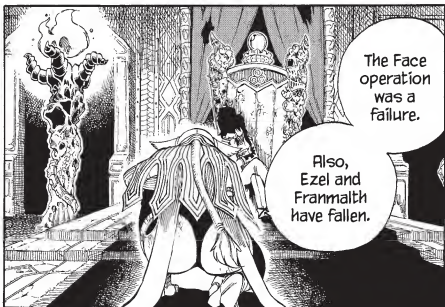


The enemy
is stronger
than we
foresaw.

Underworld
King, Mard
Geer-sama!

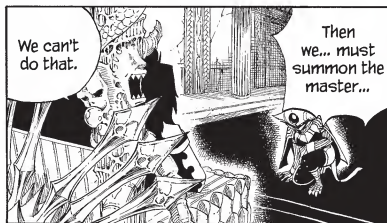


Seilah and
Hell's Core
as well.



The Face
operation
was a
failure.

Also,
Ezel and
Frammalth
have fallen.

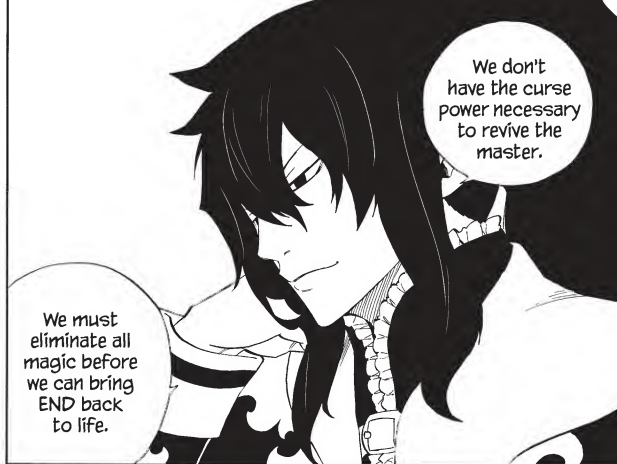


We can't
do that.

Then
we... must
summon the
master...



No...!

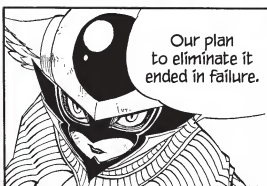


We must eliminate all magic before we can bring END back to life.

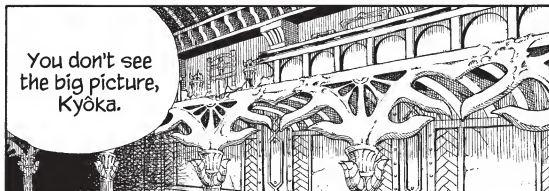
We don't have the curse power necessary to revive the master.



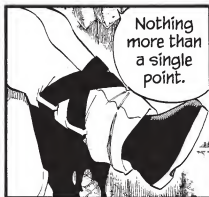
You don't see it.



Our plan to eliminate it ended in failure.



You don't see the big picture, Kyôka.



Nothing more than a single point.



One point?



That was one point.



It won't be a problem.

I predict that all the magic will soon vanish from this world nevertheless.

Mard Geer is the perfect strategist.

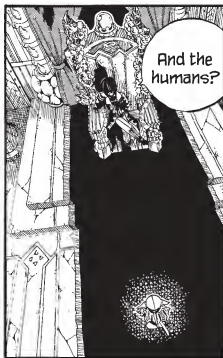
And in light of the overall plan, the destruction of Face was just one point.



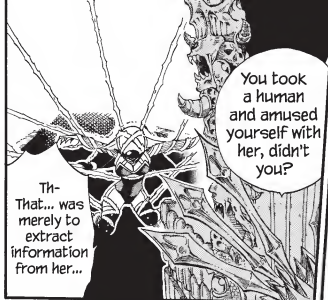
Kyôka, what are we?



This one does not understand...



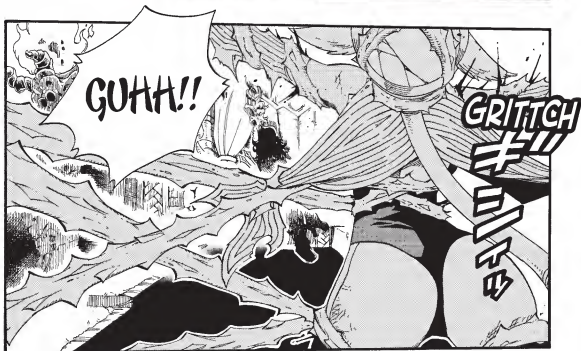




Th-
That... was
merely to
extract
information
from her...



GA...
HUH...

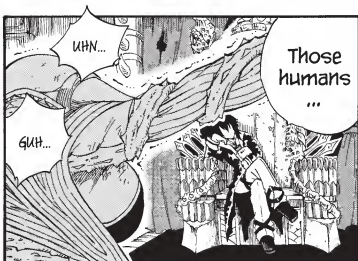
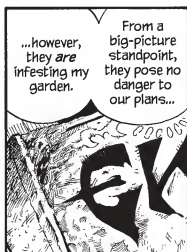
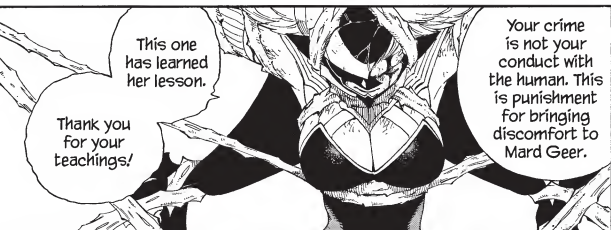


GRITCH
#11



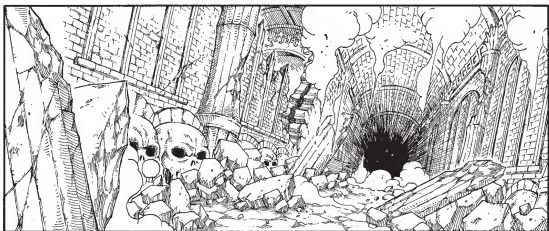
GUH







I will use
ALEGRIA.



I think Mira
is on this
floor too.

TUG

I'm pretty
sure Gray is
somewhere back
there, keeping
an enemy from
getting to us.



I CAN HEAR
YOU. DID
SOMETHING
HAPPEN?



Don't
scare
me like
that!



WARREN?



HEY,
EVERYONE!
CAN YOU
HEAR ME?!



Sorry to
worry you
all.

Mira is fine.
We've joined
up with her.



Okay,
good to
go!

Yeah...
Just a
minute...

Say, Warren, can
you make it so
everybody can
hear my voice
too?



ELFMAN AND
LISANNA ARE
HERE TOO.

Thank
good-
ness...

Ohh!!



Wendy and
Carla have
stopped
Face!!!!

They
ruined the
enemy's
plan!!!!



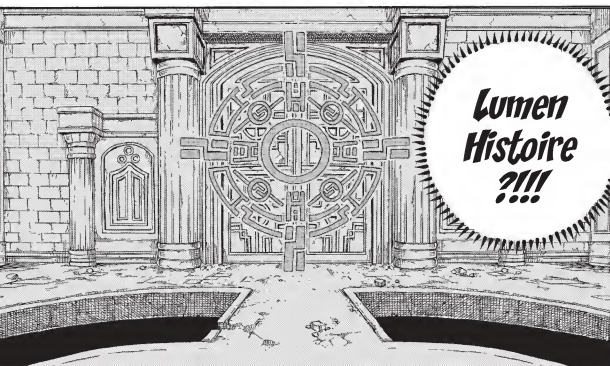
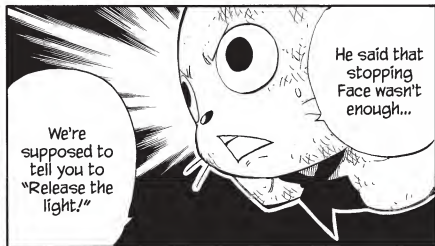
But there's
something
else...

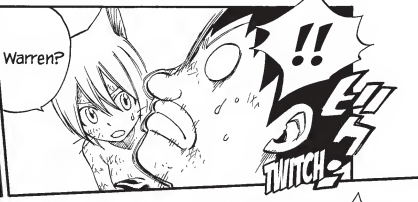


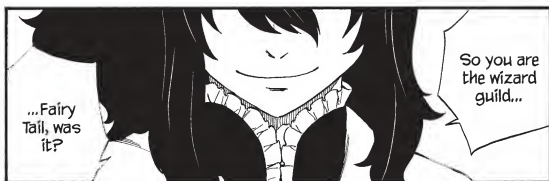
Our
angels
!!

I knew
they'd do
it!!

All
right!!

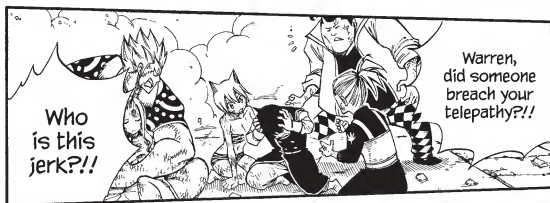
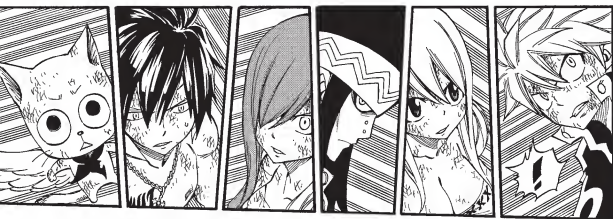






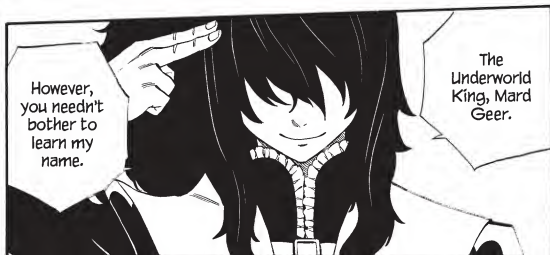
...Fairy
Tail, was
it?

So you are
the wizard
guild...



Who
is this
jerk?!!

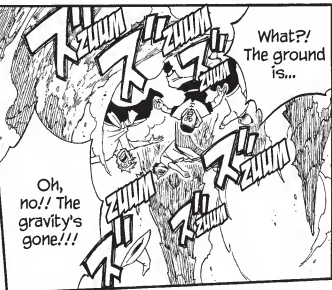
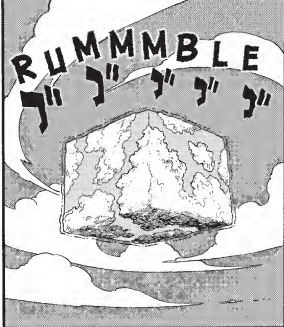
Warren,
did someone
breach your
telepathy?!!

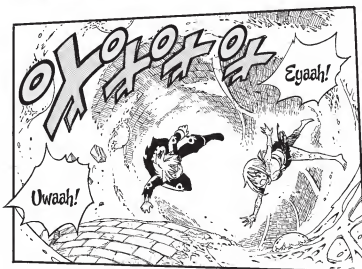


However,
you needn't
bother to
learn my
name.

The
Underworld
King, Mard
Geer.











Some-
one...

...help
me...



My
body... is
sinking
into the
ground...

Right!

Stick
together!



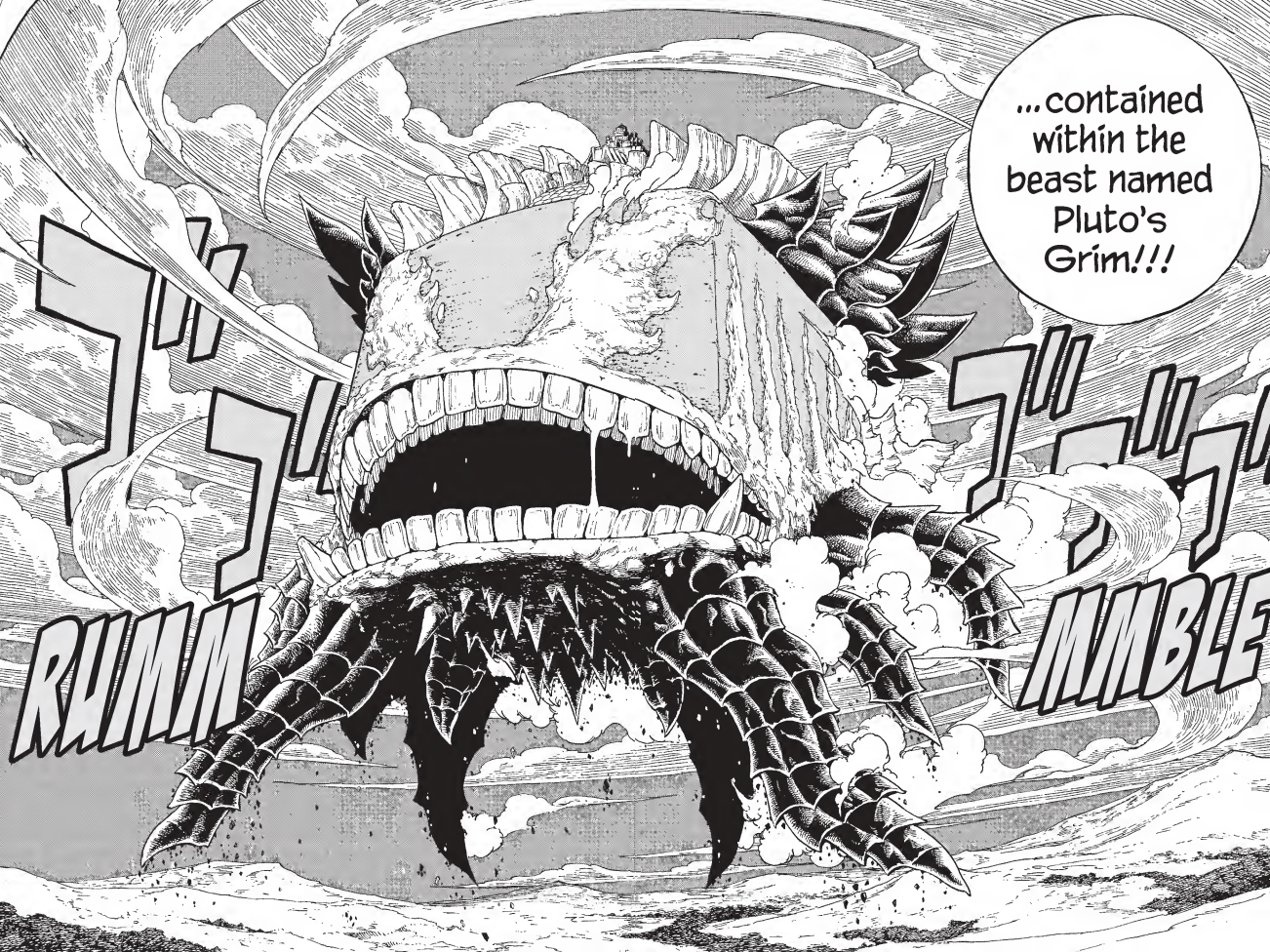
Mard Geer-
sama, if this
runs its course,
then even the
soldiers of our
guild will be...



Sacrificed.



Engulfed.

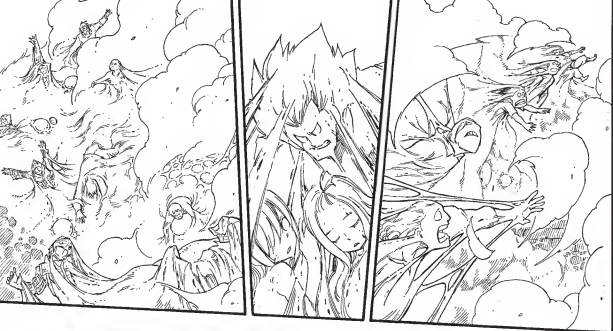


...contained
within the
beast named
Pluto's
Grim!!!

RUNN

MMBLE







What was that?!

What just happened?



No...
being left
alone in the
underworld
is more of a
mark of bad
fortune, is
it not?

The odds
against it
were perhaps
one billion to
one.

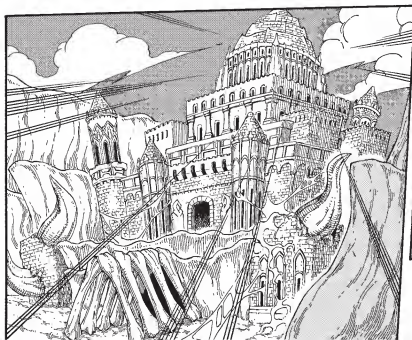
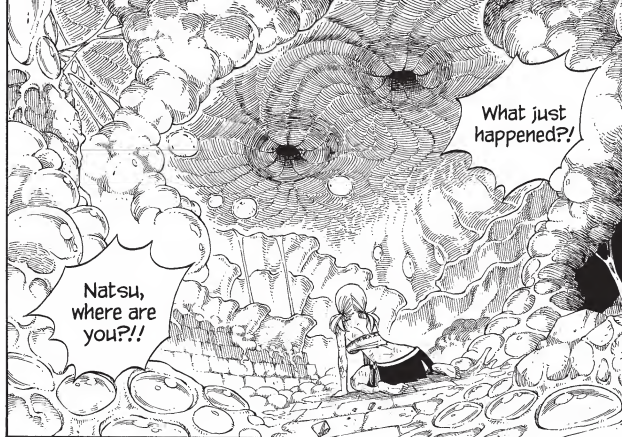
She
must have
incredibly
good
luck...

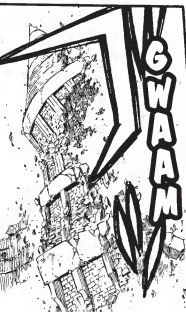
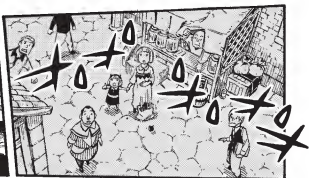
FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

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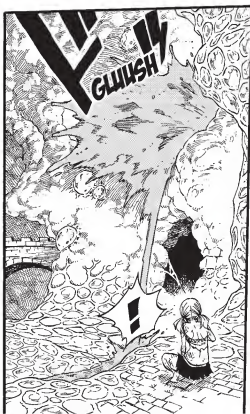
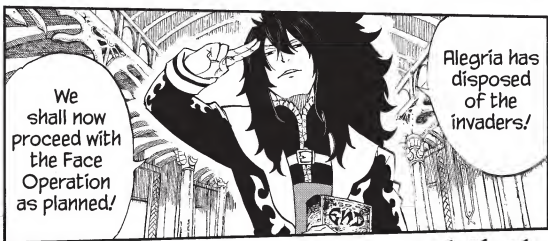
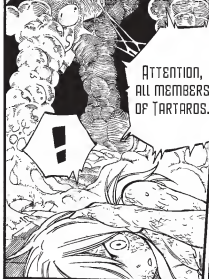


Not the
Kardia
Cathedral
!!

Run
away!!

That
thing
is
smashing
up the
whole
town!!!







HOWEVER... FOR SOME REASON, ALEGRIA ALLOWED ONE HUMAN TO ESCAPE, AND SHE IS STILL HERE.

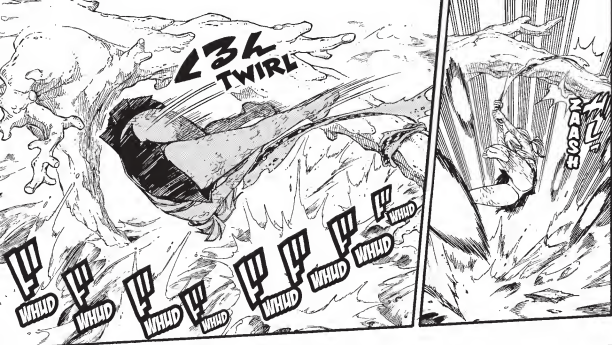


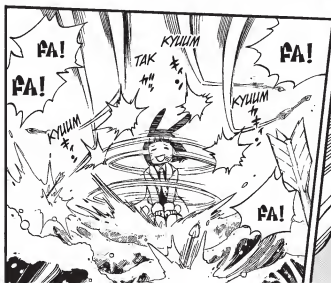
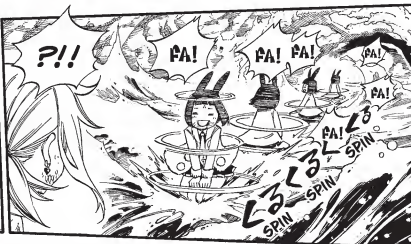
SHOULD ONE OF THE NINE DEMON GATES ELIMINATE HER, THAT MEMBER WILL PERSONALLY RECEIVE A REWARD FROM MARD GEER INSTEAD. THAT IS ALL.

THE SOLDIER WHO KILLS THE HUMAN WILL BE PROMOTED TO BECOME ONE OF THE NINE DEMON GATES.









Sagittarius,
gate close!!
I summon
Virgo!!!

GAHH
!!

Flying
weapons
bounce
right off my
slip-all curse
power...

See?

My
arrows were
deflected
?!!

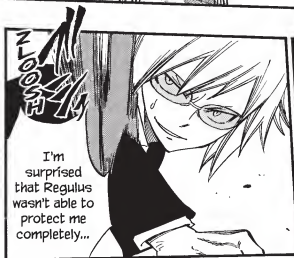
What are you
supposed to be?
A maid?! Hey, are
you trying to copy
me? How are people
supposed to tell
us apart?!

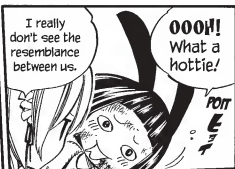
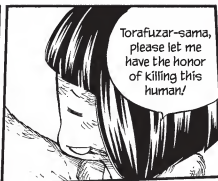
With
ease, I'm
sure.

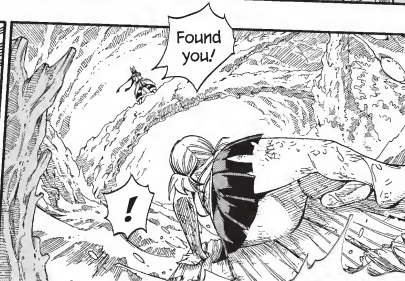
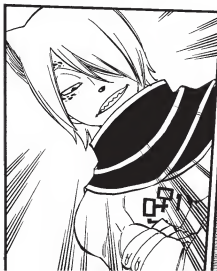
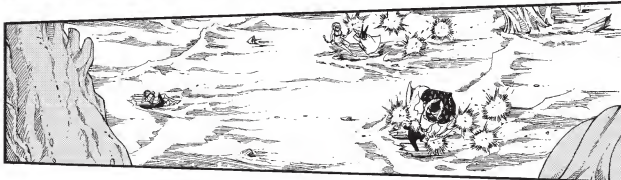
Princess,
this one is
mine!!!!

Princess,
some-
thing's
out there!

Uwah!













What happened to all of my friends?!

What happened...



Kh!



Lucy!!



AA

AA

AA

AA!!



AA

AA

AA

Kah ha ha!!!



This girl is the only one left to take out my irritation on!

The fireball and blue cat are both dead!



BOOM

BOOM

Do not toy with your prey! If you intend to kill her, do so without delay!



And I still
got plenty
of it!!!



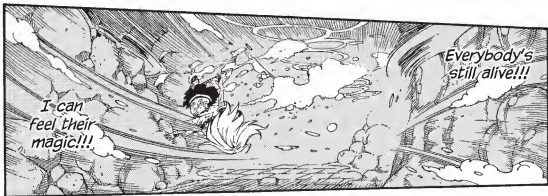
They're
not
dead...



The very
fact that we're
summoned
here means her
magic is being
drained away...



Princess
!!!!



I can
feel their
magic!!!

Everybody's
still alive!!!



...so this
time, it's
my turn
to rescue
them!!



Don't
die on
me
yet!



They've always
come to
my rescue
before...



How
do you
like
that
?!!!



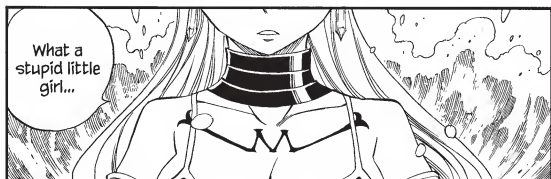
Lucy!!!



Princess,
you mustn't!!!!
You can't...



Not
until
I've
rescued
my
friends
...





How stupid
can you
be?



You...
came...



Prin-
cess
!!!

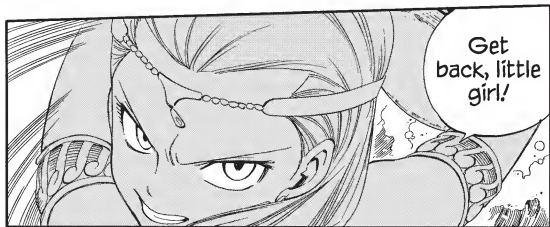
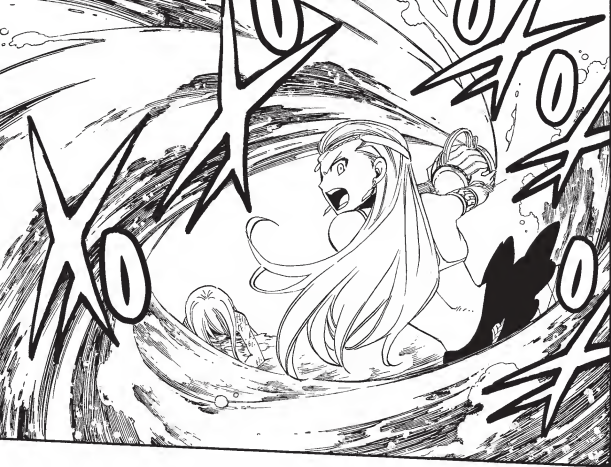


She did
a triple
summons
?!!



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WHOO

OO

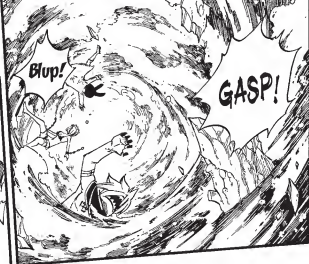
OAH!



Close
a gate
now!!!
Please!!!

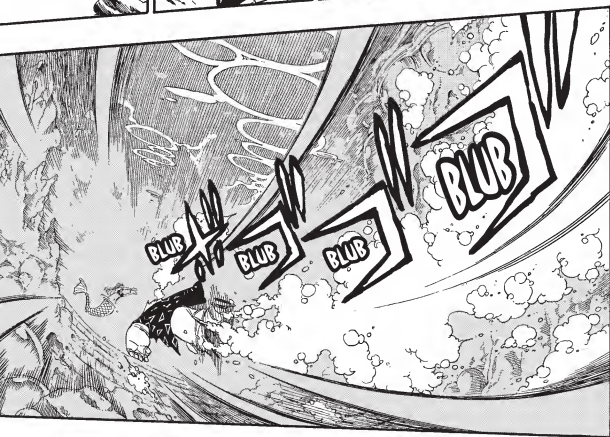


Lucy,
that's
enough
!!!



Blup!

GASP!

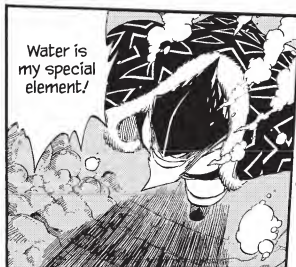


BLUB

BLUB

BLUB

BLUB

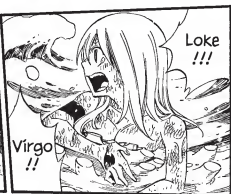
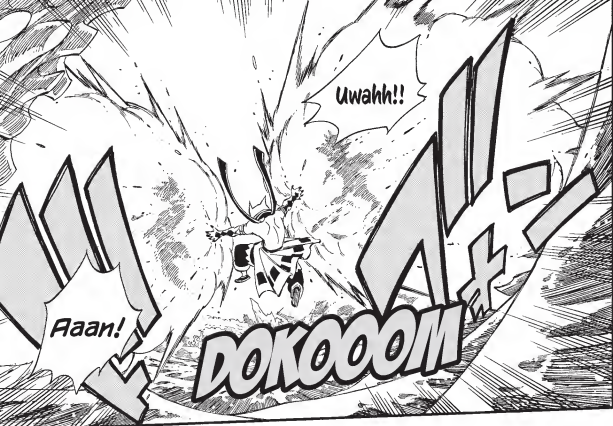


Water is
my special
element!



He...
can swim
through
my water
...?!







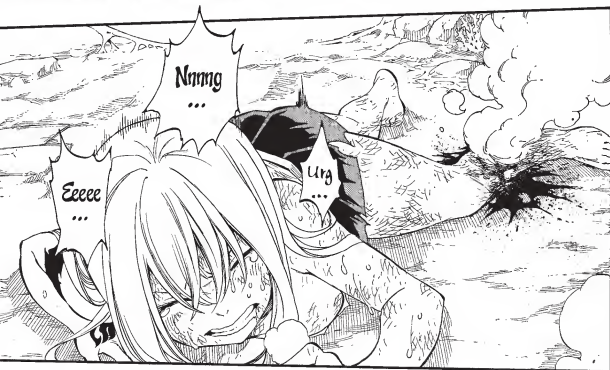


They
need
me...



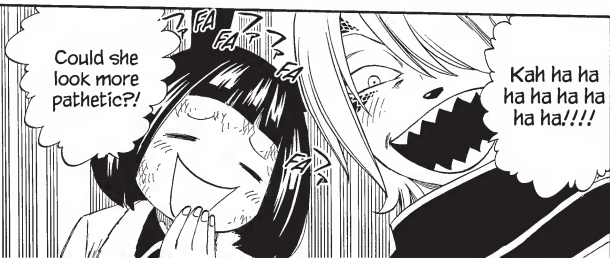
I can't
let it end
here...!!

I have
to save
them!!



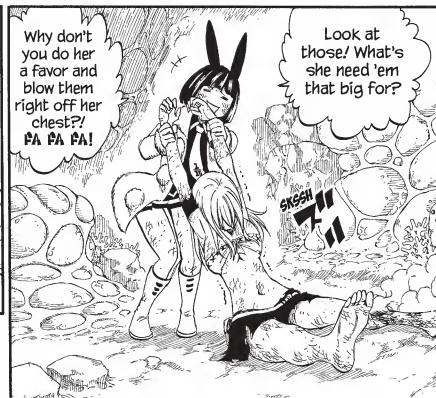
Eeeee
...

Ung
...



Could she
look more
pathetic?!

Kah ha ha
ha ha ha ha
ha ha!!!!





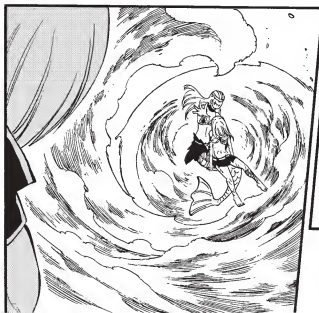
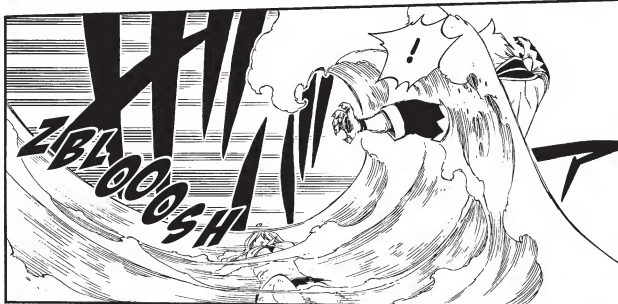
'Cause we're gonna have some fun! Kah ha ha ha ha ha!

So? You should be wondering what's gonna happen to *you* next!

She was... on your side...

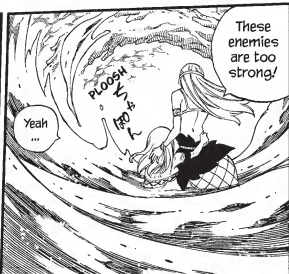
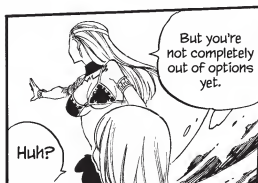
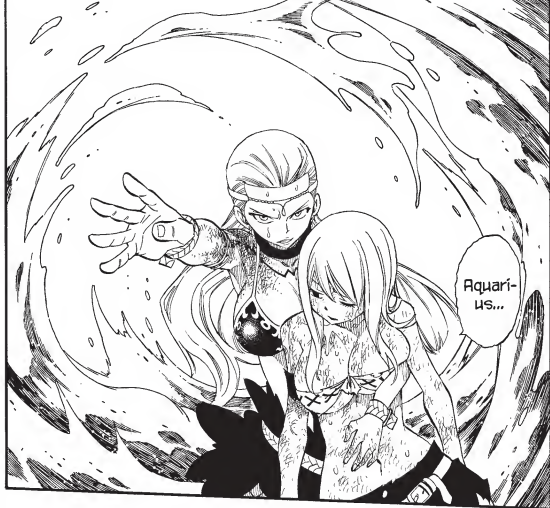
Kah ha ha!

That shut her up!



Gasp!

What?!!



You were able
to open three
gates at once,
so I know you
can do this!

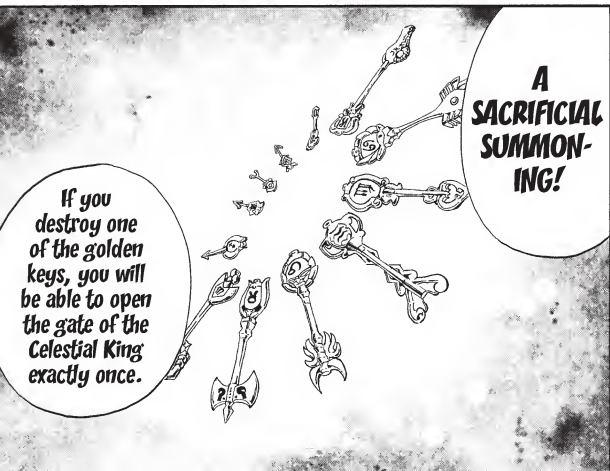


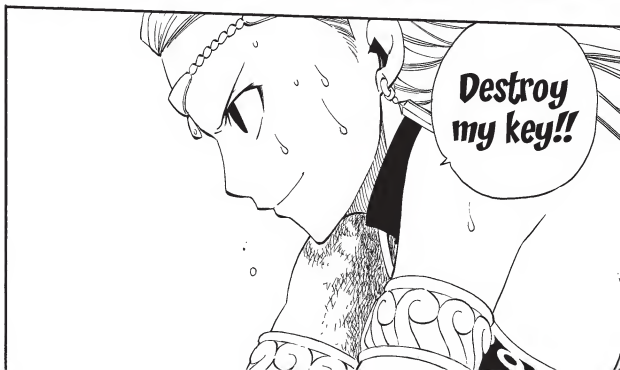
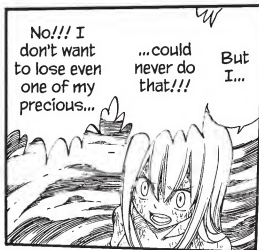
I can't
hold
him off
forever...

...so
listen
closely,
Lucy!



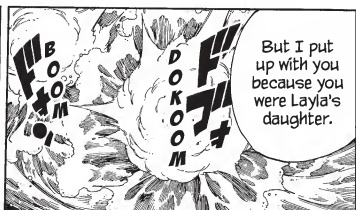
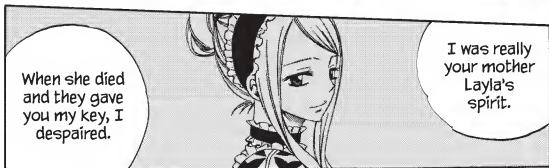
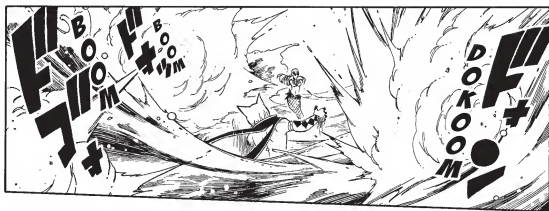
**SUMMON
THE
CELESTIAL
KING!!**

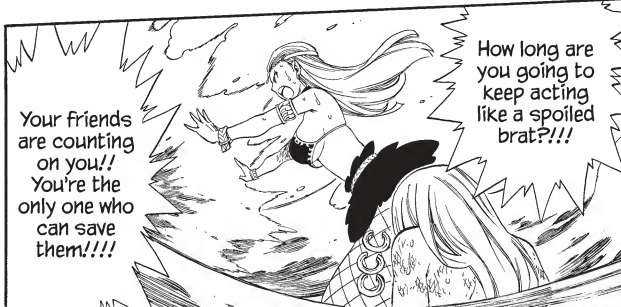
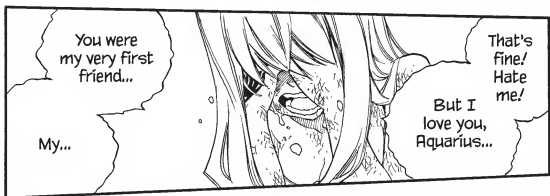


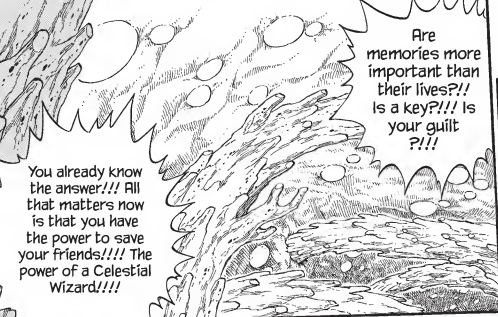










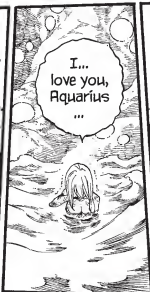


You already know
the answer!!! All
that matters now
is that you have
the power to save
your friends!!!! The
power of a Celestial
Wizard!!!!

Are
memories more
important than
their lives?!!
Is a key?!!! Is
your guilt
?!!!



**Do
it!!!!**



I...
love you,
Aquarius
...



Kah ha ha!!!
What're you
two squabbling
about? You're
in range of my
curses now!!!



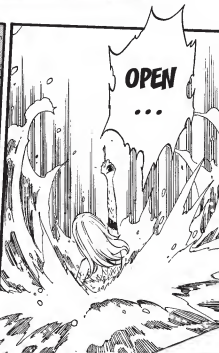
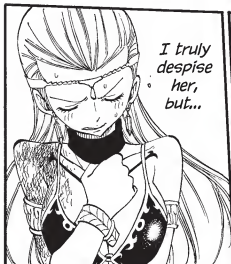
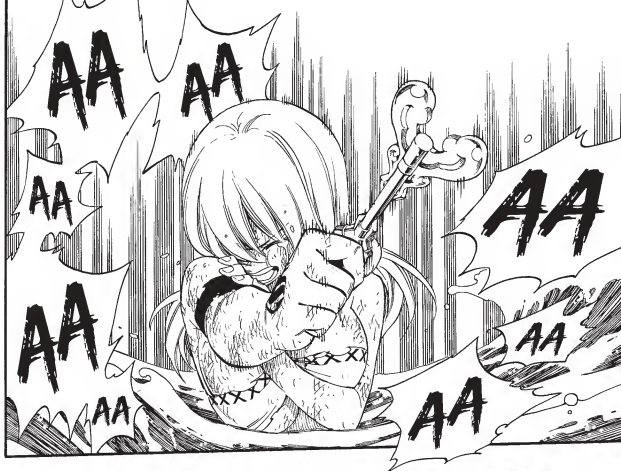
You're
the only one
who can do
this!!!!



So use it!!!!
Break my
key!!!!



**Lucy
!!!!**



Now that I'll
never see you
again...

...I'm going
to miss you...
Lucy...



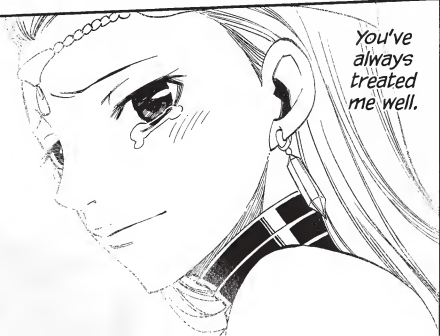
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**GATE
OF THE**
...

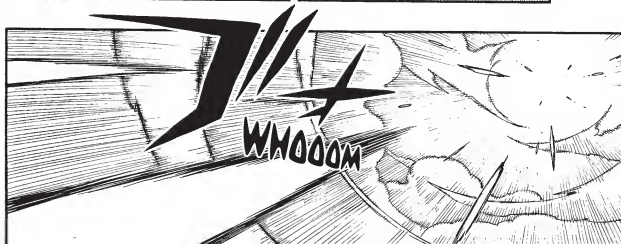
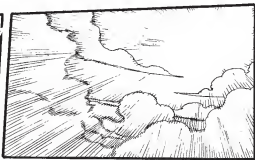
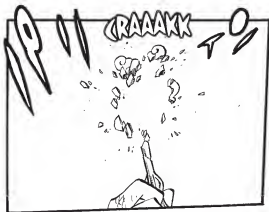
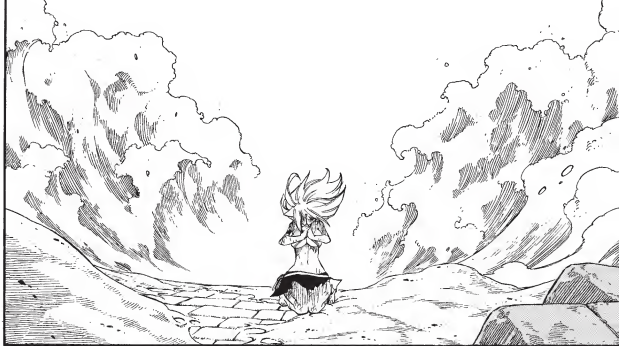
...
**CELESTIAL
KING!!!!**

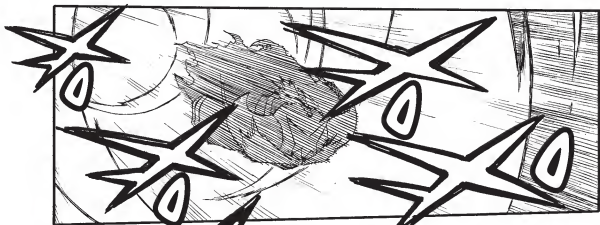
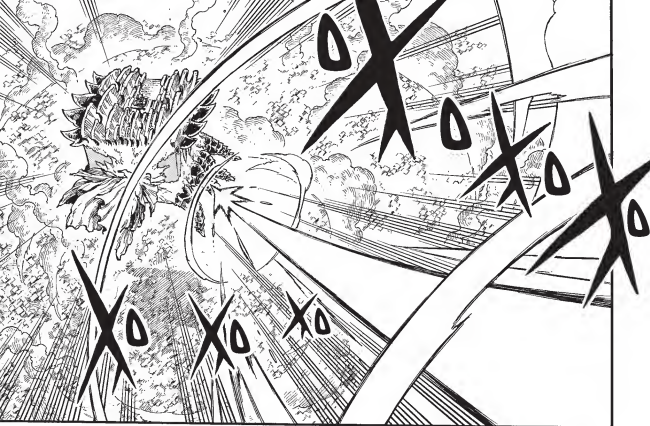


Thank
you.

You've
always
treated
me well.



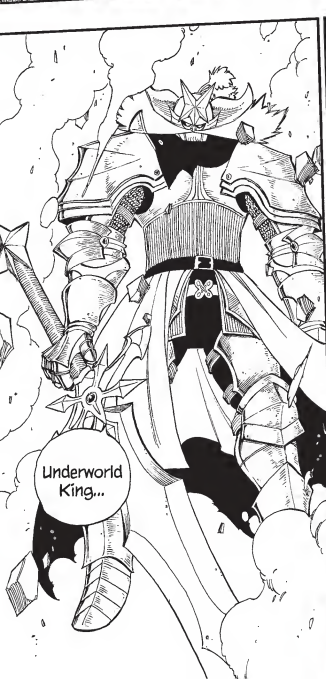














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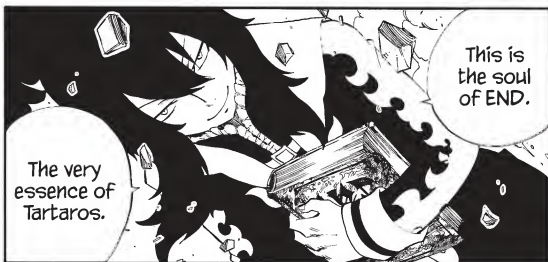
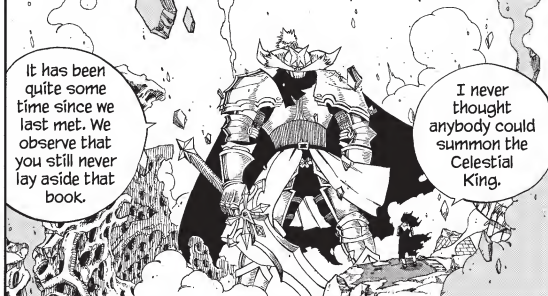
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Chapter 385: The Celestial King vs. the Underworld King









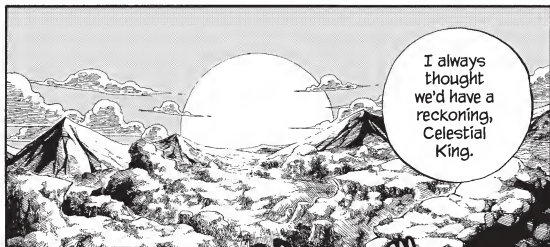
For that,
you draw
tears to our
old friend's
eyes?



Yes.



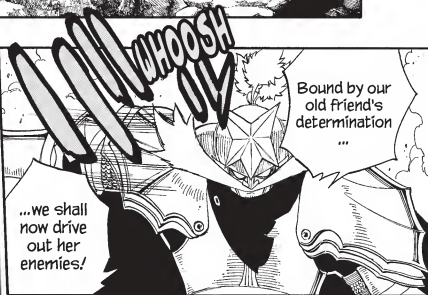
And for
that purpose,
you wound our
old friend to
the point of
collapse?



I always
thought
we'd have a
reckoning,
Celestial
King.



Do your
worst.



Bound by our
old friend's
determination
...

...we shall
now drive
out her
enemies!

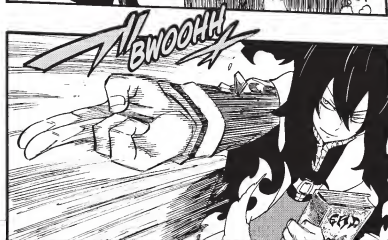
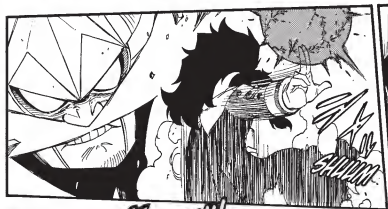


**We
hereby**

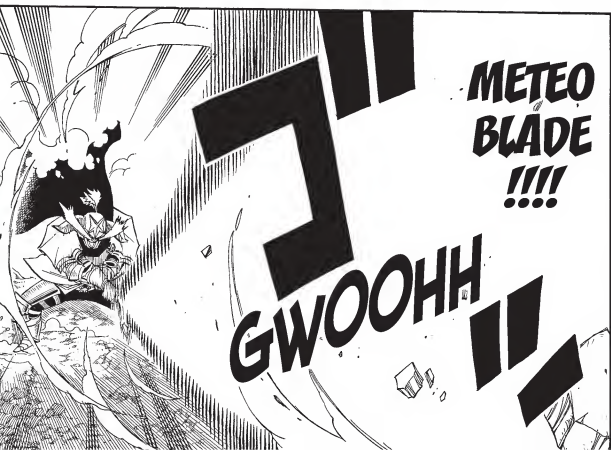
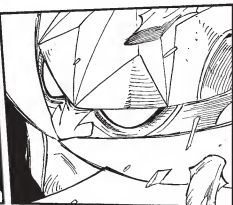
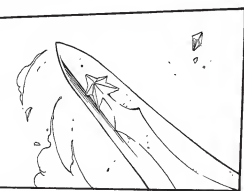
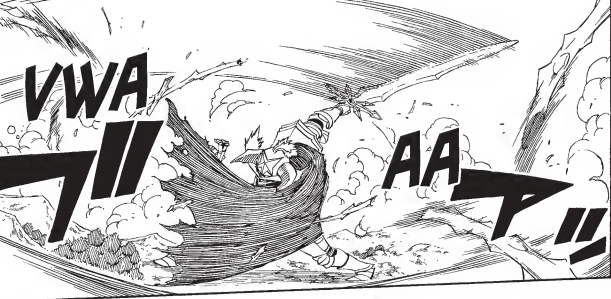
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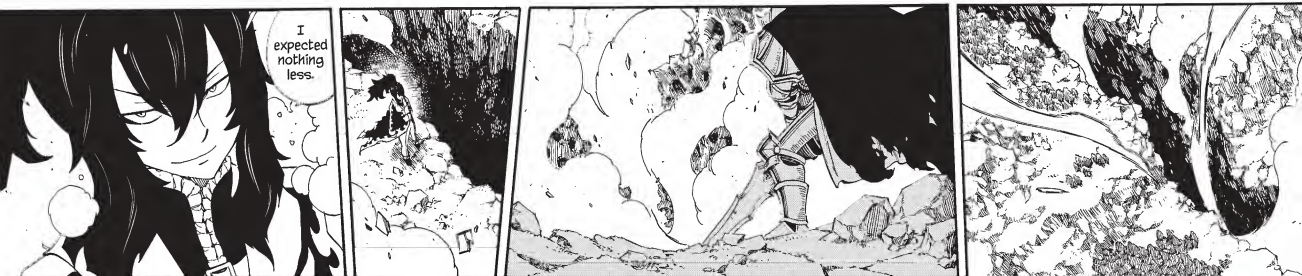
...
**revoke
your
right to
exist
!!!!**

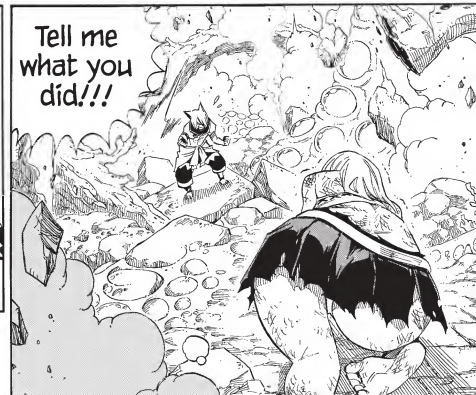
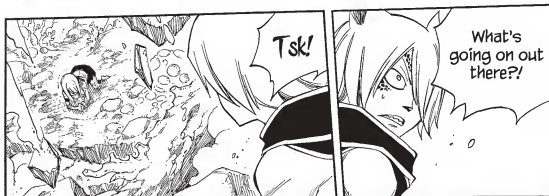
KO!





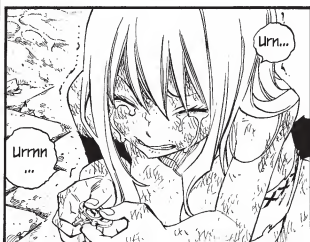


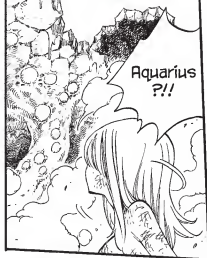






You little witch!!!!







BOOOM

Right
!!!!



May the
stars guide
you.

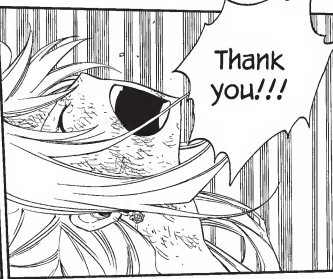


*You too,
Aquarius...*

*Thank
you for
all these
years...*



**Dammit
!!!!**

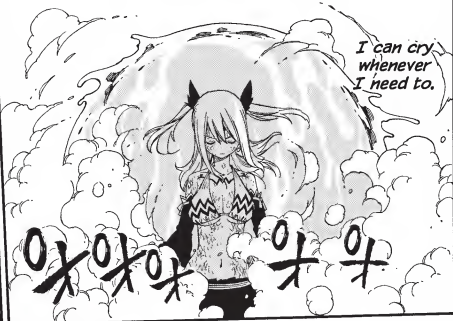


**Thank
you!!!**



BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM

**Die, die,
die!!! I'm
gonna blow
you to
pieces!!!**

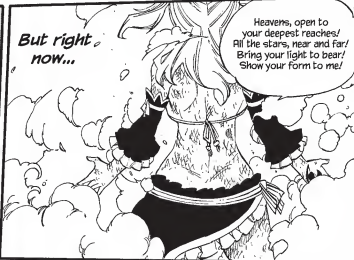


*I can cry
whenever
I need to.*



*...I'm
going to
fight and
save my
friends!!!!*

*I invoke Tetrabiblos/
I command the stars!
The aspects have
perfectly aligned/
Open the gates of
vengeance!*

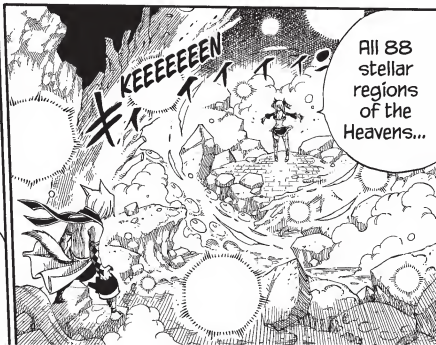


*But right
now...*

*Heavens, open to
your deepest reaches!
All the stars, near and far!
Bring your light to bear!
Show your form to me!*



Shine!



**All 88
stellar
regions of
the Heavens...**



**URANO
METORIA
!!!!!!**

BOOM BOOM

BOOM BOOM BOOM

BOOM

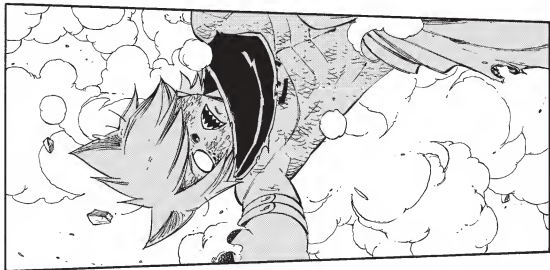


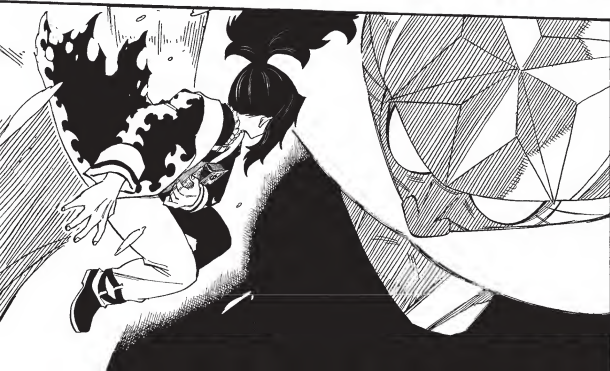
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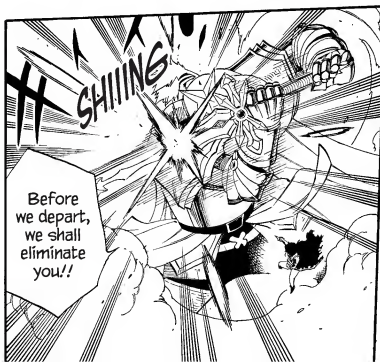
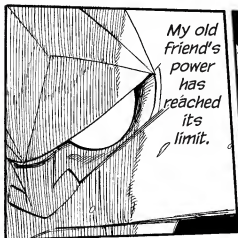
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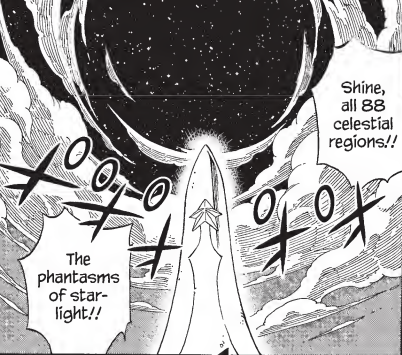
Chapter 386: Galaxia Blade





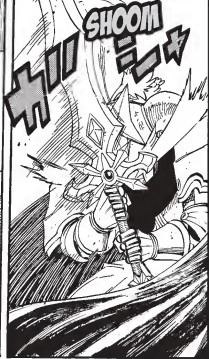






Shine,
all 88
celestial
regions!!

The
phantasms
of star-
light!!



SHOOM



**GALAXIA
BLAAAADE
!!!!**

BOOOM

ZHOO OON

An
attack
from all
sides?!!

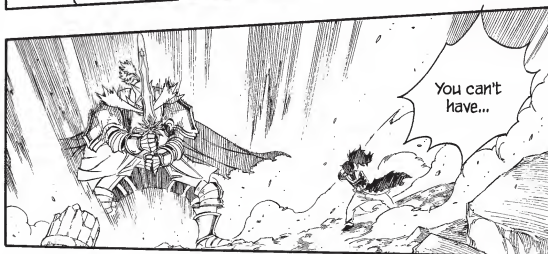
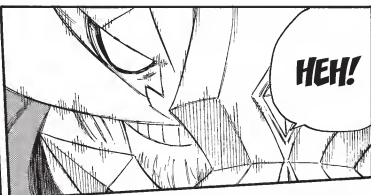


Ki!





You intend
to kill even
the one who
summoned
you?





*Minerva
!!!!*

*Erza
?!!*

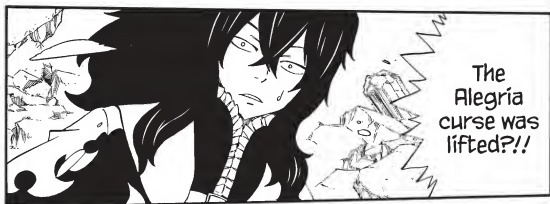
*This is
what I
expect
from my
beloved...*

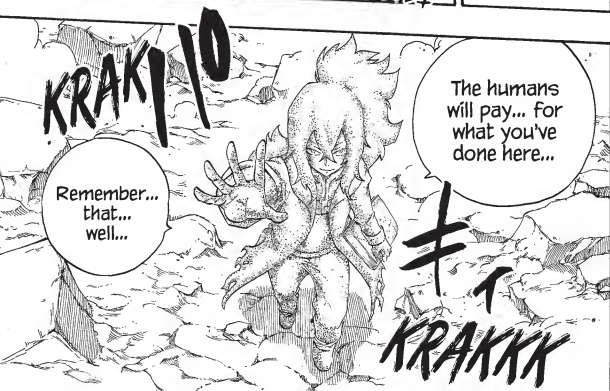
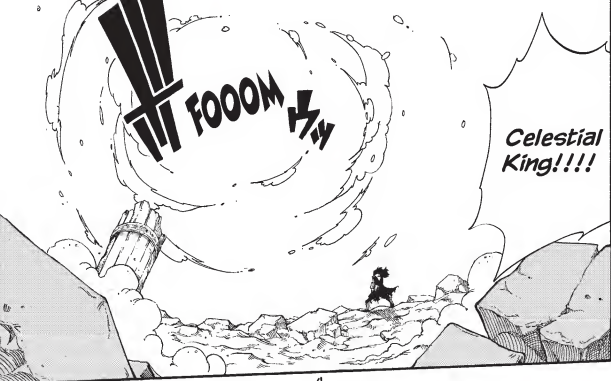
*That's
more
like
it!!!*



...
Erza
!!!!

CHIING





Could
this little girl
really have
defeated both
Jackal *and*
Lummy...?!

How is this
possible...?

Ungh...

I have to...
save...

What kind
of magic
could
she have
used...?!

TWITCH
LO—LO
h h

I told
him to
kill her
quickly!

SHING



Gajeel

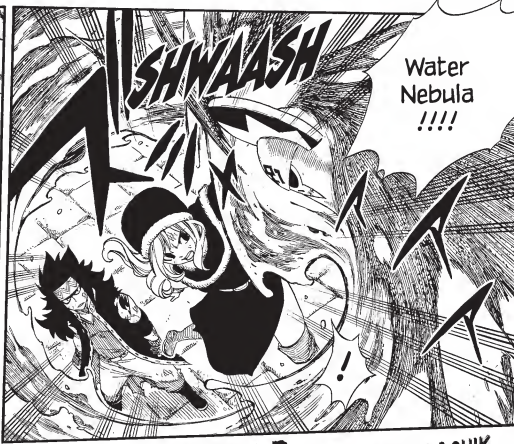
...



Huh?



Impossible!!!
The girl
should be the
only human
left!!



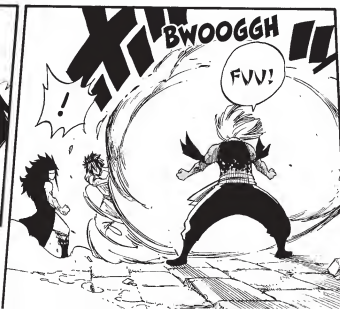


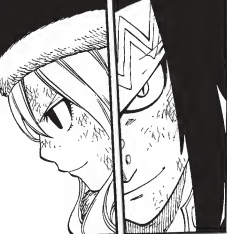
Gray...

He was able
to counter
Silver's
ice?!



Fire
?!!!

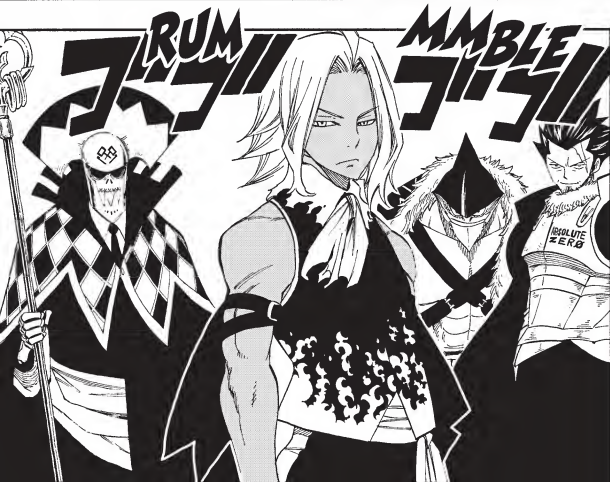




I think
you did,
anyway.

Don't know
what ya did,
but you saved
us, Lucy!

Lookit that! A
bunch of real
strong jerks,
all in a row!





**NOW I'M
ALL FIRED
UP!!!!**

BOOM

TO BE CONTINUED

あとがき

Afterword

The method of summoning the Celestial King was a plot point I had been thinking about for a long time, and I kept wondering, "When can I use it?" "When can I use it?!" But the price that Lucy had to pay to summon him was an idea I had almost directly before I drew it. But when I consider whose key to sacrifice, it came down to only one choice. It was precisely because Lucy loves the character Aquarius so much that made it particularly sad. But I'd like to think that they aren't parted forever. Also the story of Mirajane, Elfman and Lisanna's past was something I thought up a very long time ago, but the chance to tell it just never seemed right. And when a perfect chance came along this time, I was so happy! I remember when Mira used the Macro on Elfman, and he suddenly appeared, my editor complained, "What is he, a robot?!!"

In the next volume is a story that I'm sure a lot of people are waiting for. The story of Silver. It's a sad story too, I'm afraid, but I hope you'll be anxiously awaiting it anyway.

By the way, it seems that one of the main villains of the story this time, Jackal, has unexpectedly become pretty popular. He's an awful guy though. (laughs) Also, Jackal's character calls for a half-baked Osaka-area accent, so I had a tough time trying to get the words he uses right. I'm not from the Osaka area myself, but it's a lot easier to write full-on Osaka-area accents. Hm...

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フェアリーテイル

Rejected Natsu

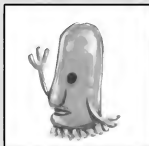


真島ヒロ

Rejected
Rough Sketch



FROM HIRO KASHIMA



I went to a signing event in Hokkaido!!
It sure was a lot of fun. When a
Japanese guy thinks of Hokkaido, his
mind conjures up images of delicious
food, and although I was there only
a short time, I managed to eat some
sushi and ramen. The fans also gave
me lots of presents. Thank you so
much! I'll visit you again, Hokkaido!!

Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Page 41,

Sytry

Sytry (or Prince Sitri) is a demon from the *Ars Goetia*, the first book of the spell book, *The Lesser Key of Solomon*, which is a book of sorcery compiled in the 1600s that allegedly gets its power by manipulating demons. The demon Sytry causes men to love women or vice versa and even strip themselves naked.



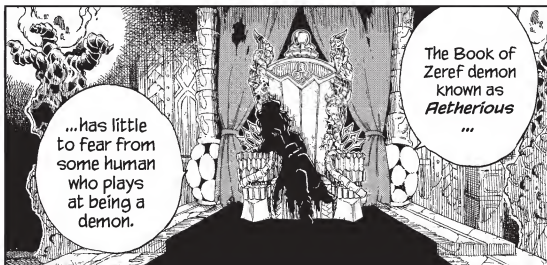
The most
powerful
demon!!!

There
it is!!
**Mirajane
Sytry!!**

Page 47,

Aetherious

There are a lot of meanings for this word, but the one that Hiro Mashima seems to be referencing the most is mythological idea of Aether, which means the "upper atmosphere" but also refers to air the Gods breathe. Aether is, in itself, a Greek God. As an avid game player, Mashima might have gotten his introduction to Aetherious from the action game, *The Elder Scrolls* (or some similar game) where Aetherious is the realm from which divine and powerful beings come.



...has little
to fear from
some human
who plays
at being a
demon.

The Book of
Zeref demon
known as
Aetherious
...

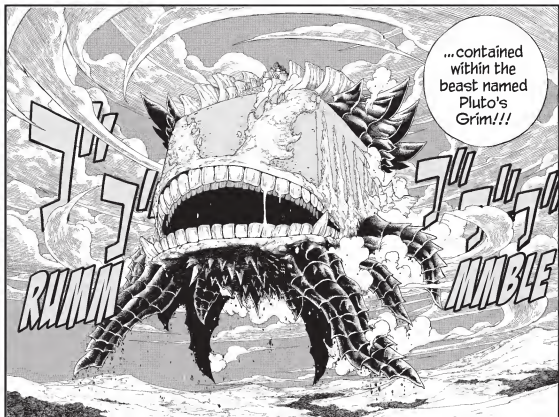
Page 48, Mard Geer

The Mard Geer is a polearm weapon from India in the 16th-18th centuries. It had a regular spear-like spike, but it also had a hooked piece for use by infantry to use against cavalry. The infantryman would try to pull a cavalryman from his horse with the hook and then spear him with the spear section. Several games include a weapon called Mard Geer, although it seems to be a different weapon than the historical Indian polearm. Perhaps one of those games is where Hiro Mashima heard of it.



Page 90, Pluto's Grim

Mard Geer calls himself the Underworld King, and in Greco-Roman mythology, there is also a god of the Underworld known as Hades in Greece and as Pluto in Rome. In Greco-Roman mythology, the underworld was not necessarily a place of torture, but rather simply a place where dead souls go. Note that Pluto, now a "dwarf planet," was named after the Roman God, and Mickey Mouse's dog, Pluto, who was created about the time the ex-planet Pluto was discovered, was named after the planet.

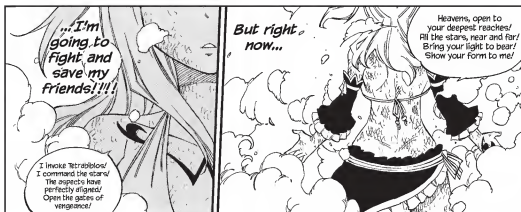


Page 165, Lucy's Incantation

As happens sometimes in the translation of a long series, later facts can prove an earlier translation wrong. In volume 18, Lucy says the same incantation, but to show that she is not doing it consciously, the far-right and far-left sides of the incantation were cut off by the word balloons. So I was translating from incomplete text. Now with the complete text, I can retranslate it so it says what it really means. I can only apologize to those with earlier printings of Volume 18, and hope you understand.

Page 165, Tetrabiblos

As mentioned in the notes for Volume 18, Claudius Ptolemy wrote a four-part series of books describing the heavens called the *Tetrabiblos*, The Four Books. One of the most important works of ancient astrology, the *Tetrabiblos* describes the constellations of the zodiac and their astrological influence on the world.



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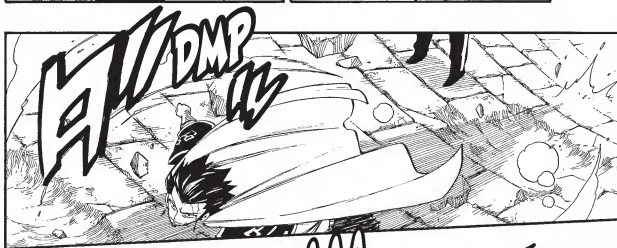
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Chapter 387: Tartaros Arc, Part Four: Father and Son



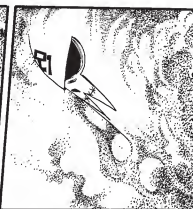
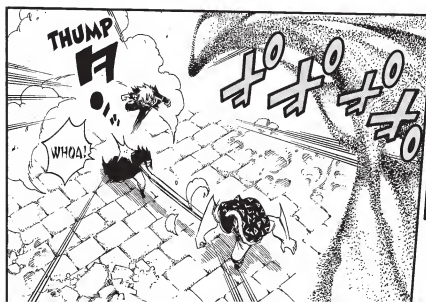




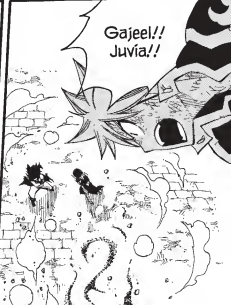
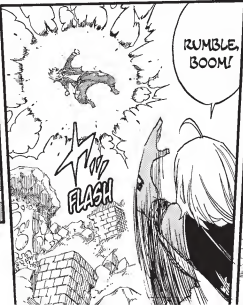


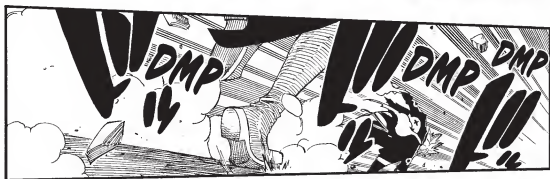


Your little breeze ain't gonna work on iron!!









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